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VOL II

REFUGEES
MOVEMENT OF
GERMAN MINORITY FROM POLAND
(OPERATION SWALLOW)

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IMMEDIATE

OXB 13568
DTG SEP 141300

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: PW DP CONCOMB LEMGO

INFO: PW DP STEINREG KIEL
EXFOR TD (MOV)
PW DP HANREG HANNOVER
PW DP RHINWEST DUSSELDORF
508 (R) DET LUBECK
B.T.B. FOR Q(M) AND DD RLVS.

N.T.

BGCC NO 12990. CRX 1262.

SUBJECT OPERATION SWALLOW.

YOUR IYD 29632 DATED 12 SEP, NOT TO ALL.

HAVE ARRANGED WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES FOR WEEKLY TRAIN

- (A) TO LEAVE STETTIN MONDAYS, ARRIVE LUBECK TUESDAYS,
- (B) TO LEAVE KOHLFURT WEDNESDAYS, DUE HELMSTEDT FRIDAYS.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DUE TO SHORT NOTICE THE TRAIN FROM
KOHLFURT FOR NEXT WEEK ONLY WILL LEAVE KOHLFURT ON MONDAY AND
NOT WEDNESDAY.

LUBECK PLEASE PASS ABOVE TO STETTIN.

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Please answer
Done 17/9/46

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Ref. No. 86-5189.

Ref :- FWDP/59809/18.

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FW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element).,
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

13th September, 1946.

D.C.O.S. (Pol).

See 4264

Herewith reply to letter from the Polish Military
Mission for signature. You have already seen and commented on
draft.

R.N. Thicknesse

AMHB/JMC.

R.N. THICKNESSE, Colonel,
D/Chief, FW & DP Division.

Tel. Ext. 86-5301

Ref : AHQ/11102/3(Sec G)

Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (Policy).,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element)
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

September, 1946.

Chief of the Polish Military Mission,
to Control Council for Germany,
BERLIN, W.15, Schluterstr 42.

See 4263

1. With reference to your letter No. 532/2/76, of 3rd September,
2. You observe in paragraph 3 that no quadripartite agreement had been reached between the Occupying powers for a review of the existing plan. In this respect I regret that you are evidently misinformed, for the Coordinating Committee on 29th August, 1946, agreed to instruct the Directorate of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons to undertake a review of the present situation.
3. I must again point out that neither the review nor the slowing down of the rate of intake from Polish Administered territories can be construed as abrogation of Chapter XIII of the Potsdam Agreement.
4. I note from paragraph 8 of your letter that your Government find it impossible to accept the decision. I trust that for that reason no attempt will be made to continue the movement at a rate greater than two (2) trains each week as such a course can only lead to much confusion and discomfort when trains in excess of that number are turned back at the frontier.

Major-General
Deputy Chief of Staff (Policy).

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Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element).,
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

12th September, 1946.

D.C.O.S. (Pol).

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Mission for signature. You have already seen and commented on
draft.

Amad

AMHB/JMC.

A.M.H. BYERS, J/Comd.
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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FROM: PWDP LEMCO
TO: PWDP FOR CRX BERLIN

su 4274

IZB 29786
DTC SEPT: 131700
TOR 131900

PWDP/5832/3/Q 13 SEPT. 46. SUBJECT IS OP SWALLOW.

REF YOUR BGCC 12747 DATED 10 SEPT.

1. FOLLOWING ARRIVED HEMSTEDT SINCE 7 SEPT.

ON 7 SEPT 1 TRAIN. ACCEPTED INTO ZONE. 10 SEPT. 2 TRAINS.
SUCCESSFULLY TURN D BACK. NIGHT 10/11 SEPT. 1 TRAIN OFFLEDER
1 TRAIN BISLEREN. BOTH TURNED BACK SUCCESSFULLY.

2. FOLLOWING ARRIVED LUDWIG SINCE 6 SEPT:

ON 6 SEPT. 1 TRAIN. ACCEPTED INTO ZONE. 8 SEPT. 1 TRAIN
ACCEPTED INTO ZONE.

3. HEMSTEDT 12 SEPT. 1 TRAIN ACCEPTED INTO ZONE.

TROOPS STANDING DOWN

Distribution

Action: CRX (Br) (5)

Info: MA/Commander-in-Chief (delivered by Concomb)
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IYB 29630

DTO SEP 121510

TOR 121615

FROM: STEINREG

TO: CONCOMB PWDP LEMGO

INFO: BERGOB (PWDP AND CRX)

See 7102

MG 9604/1/184PWDP. 12 SEP 46.

SUBJECT IS OP "SWALLOW".
X

REF PWDP /58326/SEC DATED 10 SEP. SITREP AT

1400 HRS 12 SEP. NIL TO REPORT.

X IYB 29385 refers.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION. CRX (BR) (5)
INFO: M/Deputy Mil Gov.-retention Berlin
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TO: A/Chief, PW & DP Division.

SUBJECT: Operation 'SWALLOW'

Reference cable COG 75576 (PWDP/SEC)
dated 11 September 46 from PWDP Div.
LEMGO on the above subject.

1. I consider this is quite a wrong
and unnecessary instruction from your
office in the Zone to issue to Regional
Commissioners.

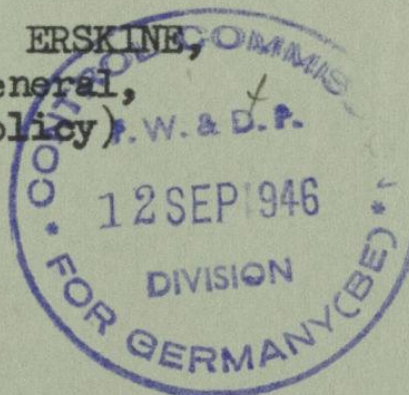
2. Military Commanders are respon-
sible for the amount of force they use.
They know quite well that it should be
the minimum.

3. Moreover I do not consider that
your Office in the Zone should address
Regional Commissioners, with copies to
G (Ops) at Rhine Army, on such a matter.

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G.W.E.J. ERSKINE
G.W.E.J. ERSKINE,
Major General,
ECOS (Policy)

12 September 46.



Tel. No. 86-5190.

SECRET & PERSONAL - IMMEDIATE.

Ref :- PWDP/59809/19.

PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element).,
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

12th September, 1946.

Deputy Chief (Exec).,
Zonal Executive Offices,
66 H.Q., C.C.G.,
LEMGO, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT :- Operation "Swallow".

Reference your cable CCG 75576 (PWDP/SEC), dated 11th September, 1946, copy attached for easy reference.

I am instructed by the Deputy Chief (Pol) to forward to you the following remarks of the Deputy Chief of Staff Policy, which have been sent to him marked "Personal" and "Most Immediate".

- "1. I consider this is quite a wrong and unnecessary instruction from your office in the Zone to issue to Regional Commissioners.
2. Military Commanders are responsible for the amount of force they use. They know quite well that it should be the minimum.
3. Moreover I do not consider that your Office in the Zone should address Regional Commissioners, with copies to G (Ops) at Rhine Army, on such a matter.

SGD/ G.W.E.J. ERSKINE,
Major-General,
D.C.O.S. (Policy)."

AWW/JMC.

A.W. WARD, Lieut. Colonel,
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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IYB 29519
DTG SEPT 111445
TOR 111710 B

Also Refers
12850

INFO: EXPOR FOR G OPS,
SECRETARIAT LUBECKE, CONCOMB,
FW DP BERLIN BERCOMB, CRX BERLIN BERCOMB,
M AND MC BERCOMB

SUBJECT OPERATION SWALLOW.

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IMMEDIATE

OYB 13418

DTG SEP 121215

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: 508 R DET. MIL GOV LUBECK

INFO: PWDP LEMGO
STEINBERG (REFUGEES)

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12845
BGCC NO (12485) COMBINED REPARATION EXECUTIVE NO. 1257.

YOUR MG/R/2169 DATED 11 SEP 46.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT CONCOMB HAVE ALREADY REPLIED TO VARIOUS
MESSAGES RELAYED FROM STETTIN. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO NO 2.
LIAISON TEAM.

WE CONFIRM THAT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED WITH ONLY
ONE TRAIN PER WEEK TO LEAVE STETTIN FOR LUBECK. THE DAYS ON WHICH THE
WEEKLY TRAIN WILL LEAVE STETTIN AND KOHLFURT RESPECTIVELY ARE BEING DISCUSSED
WITH THE POLISH AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN.

PROVISION OF ROLLING STOCK IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT.
WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIETS HAVE ALWAYS PROVIDED THE TRAINS BY YOUR ROUTE.
THE DISPOSAL OF ROLLING STOCK RENDERED SURPLUS BY THE RECENT REDUCTION OF
TRAFFIC TO ONE TRAIN PER WEEK IS THEREFORE ENTIRELY A QUESTION FOR THE
POLISH AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY
IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES IN STETTIN.

+ IYB 29495 refers.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: PWDP CONCOMB LEMGO
 TO: PWDP FOR CRX BERLIN
 INFO: PWDP STEINREG KIEL
 EXFOR TD (MOV) BLD OBYNHUSEN
 PWDP HANREG HANNOVER
 PWDP RHINREG DUSSELDORF

IYB 29632

DTG SEP 121100

TOR 121625

CCG 75578 (PWDP/SEC) 12 SEP 46.

SUBJECT OPERATION "SWALLOW"

REQUEST YOU NEGOTIATE WITH POLISH REPRESENTATIVES TO ARRANGE
 FOR ARRIVAL OF THE TWO WEEKLY TRAINS TO BE STAGGERED AS FOLLOWS:
 ONE TRAIN TO ARRIVE LUBECK TUESDAY EACH WEEK
 ONE TRAIN TO ARRIVE HELMSTEDT FRIDAY EACH WEEK.
 THIS IS TO TAKE EFFECT FOR LUBECK FROM 17 SEP 46, AND 14 SEP 46, FOR
 HELMSTEDT. CONFIRM SOONEST.

FOR TD(MOVE) AND STEINREG ONLY.

WHEN CONFIRMED TD (MOV) CAN THEN ARRANGE FOR A TRAIN MEET THE
 LUBECK TRAIN FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF EXPELLEES. THUS AVOIDING
 NECESSITY FOR TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION. CRX (BR) (5)

INFO: MA/Deputy Military Governor-retention Berlin
 PA/Political Adviser (2)
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IYB 29517

DTG SEPT 111405

TOR 111850B

See ~~7-02~~ 275A.

SUBJECT IS OP SWALLOW.

SITUATION AT 1400 HRS 11 SEPT NIL TO REPORT.

IYB 29420 REFERS.

For Action CRK (Br) (5)
Info MA/Deputy Mil Governor - retention Berlin
PA/Political Adviser (2)
PA/DCOS (Policy)
Chief Secretary
Secretariat (4)
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DTG SEPT111145
TOR 111155 B

FROM: BERCOMB
TO: CONFOLE
INFO: CONCOMB

BGCC 12773 (PWDP/59809/18)

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

IN SPITE OF OUR COMMUNICATION OF THE POLISH MISSION IN BERLIN
CONVEYING OUR DECISION TO REDUCE SWALLOW TRAINS TO 2 PER WEEK,
SWALLOW TRAINS HAVE CONTINUED TO ARRIVE. 9 TRAINS IN EXCESS OF THE
2 PERMITTED HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5TH SEPTEMBER.

INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THAT FURTHER TRAINS ARE NOT TO BE
PERMITTED TO ENTER BRITISH ZONE NOR ARE THE PASSENGERS TO BE PERMITTED
TO CROSS FRONTIER IF THE TRAINS ARE TURNED BACK AND THE PASSENGERS
DISCHARGE THEMSELVES ON SOVIET SIDE OF ZONAL BOUNDARY. FORCE IF
NECESSARY WILL BE EMPLOYED TO MAKE THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE.

BOTH VERBAL AND WRITTEN PROTESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM POLISH
MISSION ON OUR ACTION IN REDUCING THE SWALLOW TRAINS TO 2 PER WEEK.
WE HAVE REPLIED THAT OUR DECISION ON THIS POINT CANNOT BE CHANGED.

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FROM: 508 R DET. MIL GOV LUBECK.

IYB 29495
DTG SEP 110915
TOR 111600

TO: BERGOMB.

INFO: CONCOMB (PWDP)
STEINREG (REFUGEES)

Radio 266

Radio 270

MG/R/2169 11 SEPT 46.

FOR COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE.

REF MY MG/R/2159 AND MG/R/2162 OF 081245N AND 091130B RES ECTIVELY.

FOLLOWING HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM BRITISH LIAISON TEAM STETTIN. "WE HAVE ALREADY SAID IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD TRAIN HERE, WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY". IN REPLY THIS OFFICE SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE "REFUSAL TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY NOT ENTERTAINED, PLEASE LIASE WITH RAILWAY AUTHORITIES FOR SCHEDLING OF TRAINS MEANTIME UNTIL YOU RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS." IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF INSTRUCTIONS COULD BE GIVEN URGENTLY.

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x IYB 29266 refers.

ACTION: ORX (Br) (5)

INFO: Transport Div. (2)
PW & DP Div. (2)
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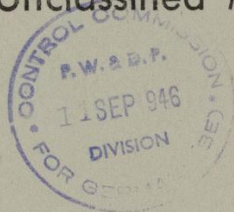
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MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: PWDP LEMGO
TO: PWDP HANNOVER
PWDP STEINREG KIEL.
INFO: SECRETARIAT LUBBECKE
PWDP BERLIN
PWDP FOR CRX BERLIN

IYB 29385
DIO SEPT: 101730
TOR 101930

See 256A

See 266A

PWDP/58326/SEC. 10 SEPT. 46. SUBJECT OPERATION "SWALLOW"

SITREP REQUIRED BY 1400 HRS DAILY BY MOST IMMEDIATE SIGNAL.

NUMBER OF SWALLOW TRAINS OTHER THAN TWO PER WEEK AUTHORISED UNDER

OUR SIGNALS REFERENCE COG 75558 PWDP/Q OF 4TH SEPT PWDP/58326/3

OF 7TH SEPT. ARRIVING AT ZONAL CROSSING POINTS.

- (B) NAME OF CROSSING POINTS
- (C) WHETHER FORCE IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT ENTRY
- (D) IF SO WHAT EXTENT
- (E) WHETHER EXPELLEES WERE OFF-LOADED IN RUSSIAN ZONE FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT ON FOOT.

COPY OF SIGNALS TO BE SENT BERCOMB FOR INFO PW AND DP AND CRX.

* IYB 28737 refers.

Distribution

Action: P.W. & DP Div. —
Info: Secretariat. (4)
Army Div. (2)
Transport Div. (2)
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IMMEDIATE.

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: COMCOMB
PW/DP LEMGO



OYB 13315
DTC SEP 101545B
TOR 101705B

BGGC NO 12747 COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO. 1255.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW. REFERENCE IS MADE TO

+
CGG 43244 (HQ/ACOS(VEXEG)/A/50 OF 7 SEP AND

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CGG 43286 (HQ/ACOS(EXEC)/A/50) DATED 9 SEPT. 46.

1. TO SUPPORT REPRESENTATIONS HERE REQUEST DETAILS OF TRAINS WHICH HAVE ARRIVED IN EXCESS OF REDUCED INTAKE OF 2 PER WEEK.
2. CLOSING DATE WAS SEPT 5 FOR VACCEPTANCE IN BRITISH HANDS AT KOHLFURT, AND STETTIN.
3. ALLOWING 2 DAYS TRANSIT FROM KOHLFURT AND 1 DAY FROM STETTIN THE EFFECTIVE STOP DATES AT MARIENTHAL AND LUBECK RESPECTIVELY ARE 7 AND 6 SEPT.
4. HOW MANY TRAINS AND ON WHAT DATES HAVE ARRIVED AT EACH POINT SINCE ABOVE DATES.

+IYB 29191 refers.
++ IYB 29347 refers.

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GRX(BR) (5)

MA/Dep. Mil Governor - retention Berlin
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PA/DCOS (Policy)
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Tel: LEMGO 604

Ref: PWDP/58305/Sec

PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
CCG LEMGO,
66 HQ CCG,
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CONTROL COMMISSION
P.W. & D.P.
10 SEP 1946
DIVISION
GERMANY (BE)

9 Sept 46

To: PW & DP Division,
HQ Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

7256.

See 7257

SUBJECT: FRENCH Nationals on 'SWALLOW' Trains

Ref your PWDP/59809/18 dated 2 Sep 46 and further to
our PWDP/58305/Q dated 31 Aug 46.

1. The only detail that has come through from KOHLFURT
Liaison Team is, that from time to time, the FRENCH Consuls
in WARSAW and KATOWICZ direct their nationals to KOHLFURT in
order to be repatriated on 'SWALLOW' trains.

2. We cannot allow this practice. Would you please ask
the FRENCH Authorities to inform the FRENCH Consuls at WARSAW
and KOHLFURT that no FRENCH subjects can be repatriated on
'SWALLOW' trains. We are unable to quote exact numbers that
have so far been directed to KOHLFURT Liaison Team.

[Handwritten signature]
A.K. JONES,

Major,

for Chief PW & DP Division.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB

INFO: HQ MIL GOV DUSSELDORF (FOR DMG)
PW/DP DIVISION LEMCO

OYB 13301

DTG SEP 101230B

See 71
809/18 T.S.

BGCC 12734. 10 SEPTEMBER 46.

FOR DCOS (EXMO) FROM DCOS (POLICY)

REFERENCE YOUR CGC/43286 DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 46 CONCERNING OPERATION
"SWALLOW".

1. FULLY AGREE TO YOU TAKING NECESSARY STEPS TO STOP BY FORCE
IF NECESSARY THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF "SWALLOW" TRAINS OR THEIR PASSENGERS.
2. SUGGEST YOU MAKE USE OF THE SOVIET MISSION TO EXPLAIN OUR INTENTIONS
TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON OUR ZONAL BOUNDARY.

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IMMEDIATE

IYB 29348

FROM: 508 (R) DET MIL GOV LUBECK

DTG SEPT 100915B

TO: BERGOMB

TOR 101110B

INFO: CONCOMB (PWDP)
STEINREG KIEL (REFUGEES)

See 7270

SS/1. 10 SEPTEMBER 46.

CORRECTION

REF OUR MG/R/2162 OF 091130B.

PLEASE AMEND TO READ "AND ALSO TRAIN ON THE WAY TO STETTIN".

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IYB 29266 REPEERS.

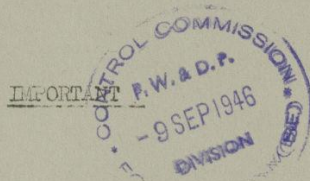
For Action: CRX (Br) (5)
Info: Transport Div (2)
PW & DP Div ✓
M & H C (3)

Please amend
Done 10/9/46

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LYB 29266

DTC SEP 091130

TOR 091510

FROM: 508 R DET MIL GOV LUECK.

TO: HBRCOMB

INFO: COMCOMB (PWDP)
STEINREG KIEL REFUGEES

See 7266

MG/R/2162. 9 SEP 46.

FOR COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE. FURTHER TO
 *
 MG/R/2159 OF 081245D. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM STETTIN
 DTC 091000D. " PLEASE GIVE IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAIN
 WHICH ARRIVED THIS MORNING AND ALSO THE TRAIN ^{on the way.} TO STETTIN. IT IS
 QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD MORE THAN 1 TRAIN HERE IN STETTIN, AND THAT
 WE ALREADY HAVE, AND THAT WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY, POLISH AUTHORITIES
 STATE THESE TRAINS ARE BRITISH, AND WE CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
 HOLDING THEM STETTIN. ANSWER MUST BE IMMEDIATE AS WE ARE BLOCKING
 THE MAIN LINE ".

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION. CRX(BR) (5)

INFO: PW & DP Div. ✓
Transport Div. (2)
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IMMEDIATE

OYB 13252
DTG SEP 091600

FROM: BERCOMB.

TO: PWDP DIV. LEMGO.

BGCC 12687 9TH SEPT 46.

COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO 1251.

SUBJECT IS REOPENING OF SEA EAGLE.

POLES AGREE USE OF STETTIN. UNDERSTOOD NO "SWALLOWES"

WILL RETURN BY SHIP.

DISTRIBUTION

CRX(BR) (5)

Transport Div. (2)

PW & DP Div. (2)

M & M.C. (3)

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Tel: 86-5942
Ref: PWDP/59809/18

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PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
BERLIN.

6th September, 1946.

To: PW & DP Division,
66 HQ, C.C.G.
Zonal Executive Offices,
B.A.O.E.

SUBJECT:- OPERATION 'SWALLOW'

1. I attach an extract from a telegram from Foreign Office (to Warsaw which was sent in reply to the observations of H.M.A. Warsaw upon the slowing down of "Swallow". The objections raised by the Polish Provisional Government had been in the main, based on two counts:-

- (a) The drastic nature of the cut from 21 to 2 trains per week.
- (b) The shortness of the warning given.

H.M.A. thereupon asked the Foreign Office whether some slight increase in the rate of intake might not be considered, to which the Foreign Office sent the uncompromising reply which I now attach.

2. The arithmetic in the second para. of the F.O. telegram seems to reach a logical conclusion. I doubt whether the contention that A is entitled to go back on a bargain (sic) with B because C has gone back on a bargain with B, would impress the Polish Government (representing B) very much. What seems important to me, however, is that if we can persuade Poland to repeat the figures quoted, and also those in their radio announcement of July 18th this year (see Argus 656 para.4, sub-para. B) in coram publico, it strengthens our (western) hands in proposing a halt to any new movement before April next year, which is to be the theme of the paper we are putting up in accordance with CORC/M(46)44, Conclusion (483).

3. Meantime the Polish Military Mission to the A.C.A. has made a formal protest to the D.M.G. couched in somewhat extravagant terms and including the usual and expected accusations in the "perfidie Albion" motif, to which we are about to reply on the lines of the Foreign Office telegram referred to. I think it wise, however, to suggest that a possibility may exist that some attempts may be made by the Poles to disregard our announcement and to despatch trains from Poland, possibly from starting points other than those at which our liaison teams are posted, in the hope that our kindness of heart will not refuse them in Germany, a technique used with some success on the Palestine coast in the last few years. I have no reason to think that this will actually happen but suggest you may like to consider the possibility, and perhaps warn the liaison teams accordingly. I do not think it likely that the Polish Government would openly pursue such a course, though it is not likely that it would do much to discourage it.

R.N.

R.N. THICKNESSE,
Col.

D/Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to C.R.X. (personal for Maj. Ford)

Extract from Foreign Office Telegram
to Warsaw, Tel.No.1487 of 4th September, 1946.

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We are not prepared to go back on our decision and cannot accept more than two trains a week pending the present review of the refugee position by the Allied Control Authority.

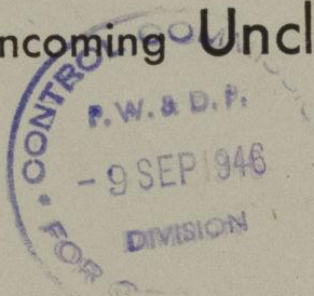
This review will also cover the question of the one million Germans who still remain to be moved. You will have seen that the Polish proposal to commit 300,000 to 400,000 of these for our Zone amounts to trying to get us to accept our full quota whereas the Soviet Zone where overcrowding is less serious would receive about half a million less than their original allocation (even if we accept at face value the highly improbable figure of Russian intake up to date).

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IMPORTANT.



INB 29240
DTO SEP 081245B
TOR 090645B

FROM: 508 (R) MIL GOV DET LUBECK

TO: BERCOMB

INFO: CONCOMB (PWDP)
STEINREG (REFUGEE)

Also Refer
7270

MG/R/2159. 8 SEPT. 46.

FOR COMBINED REPATRIATION EXEC. FOLLOWING MESSAGE
RECEIVED FROM BR LIAISON TEAM STETTIN.

"WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THE TRAIN WHICH ARRIVED TODAY. POLISH
AUTHORITIES CLAIM THIS IS A BRITISH TRAIN, ALSO OTHER TRAIN
ON WAY. IMMEDIATE ANSWER REQUIRED".

DISTRIBUTION.

ACTION - CEX(Br) (5)

INFO - Transport Div (2)
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IYB 29257
DTG SEL 072030
TOR 091355

MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: LWDL LEMGO

TO: HINKING
STEINBERG

INFO: BERGOMB FOR LWDL AND CRX

LWDL/58326/3. 7 SEPT 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

REF MIL GOV HAS ORDERED THAT NO MORE SWALLOW TRAINS WILL
BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 12 SEPT. YOU WILL FORTHWITH PREVENT ANY
TRAINS FROM CROSSING INTO THE BRITISH ZONE. DURING THE WEEK
BEGINNING 12 SEPT A TOTAL OF 2 SWALLOW TRAINS WILL BE
ACCEPTED BUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE
TRAINS BY REGIONS WILL FOLLOW IN A LATER TLM FROM ZECO.

DISTRIBUTION

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MOST IMMEDIATE

IYB 29197

FROM: PWDF DIV. LEMGO

DTG SEP 072030B

TO: HANREG,
STEINREG

TOR 080135B

INFO: BERCOLB (FOR PWDF AND GRX)

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OCG43268 (PWDF/58326/3). 7 SEPTEMBER 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

DEP MIL GOV HAS ORDERED THAT NO MORE SWALLOW TRAINS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 12TH SEPTEMBER. YOU WILL FORTHWITH PREVENT ANY TRAIN FROM CROSSING INTO THE BRITISH ZONE DURING THE WEEK-BEGINNING 12TH SEPTEMBER. A TOTAL OF TWO SWALLOW TRAINS WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TRAINS BY REGIONS WILL FOLLOW IN A LATER TFM FROM ZECO.

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GRX (Br) (5)
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Transport Div (2)
P/I & DP Div
M & M C (3)

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CONTROL COMMISSION
P.W. & D.F.
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DIVISION
GERMAN

7th September, 1946.

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- May Williams
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Secretariat.

HQ., CC for G(BE).

ZECO, CC for G(BE).

PA to DCOS (Exec.)
PA to ACOS (Exec.) (A)
PW & DP Division
Political Division
Manpower Division
IA & C. Division
Food & Agriculture Division
Intelligence Division
Secretariat (Sec.G) (2)

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Lieut. General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bart, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
Office of the Deputy Military Governor,
Headquarters,

PWDP/59809/18.

BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

9 September, 1946.

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I have to refer to my letter to you of 26th August relative to the reduction in the rate at which trains of Germans from Poland are being received into the British Zone. I have to inform you that no trains can be accepted until 12th September, upon which date we shall be able to accept two, and thereafter two in each successive week.

Robt
Lieutenant-General,
Deputy Military Governor.

Head of the Polish Military Mission to the A.C.A.,
A.L.&P.S.,
A.C.A. Building,
BERLIN.

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: CONCOMB

TO: BERCOMB

INFO: DP/PWX DIVISION
ZECO LEMGO



IYB 29191

DFO SEP 07 --

TOR 072340B

CCG 43244 HQ/ACOS(EXECA)/50 7 SEPTEMBER 46.

FOR CHIEF SECRETARY

REFERENCE OPERATION SWALLOW.

No-7 Sep-

SIX TRAINS ARRIVED IN ZONE ON 6TH SEPTEMBER, DESPITE AGREEMENT TO LIMIT INTAKE TO TWO TRAINS A WEEK FROM 5TH SEPTEMBER. AS YOU KNOW POLES WERE WARNED ON 26TH AUGUST OF REDUCTION OF INTAKE TO TWO TRAINS A WEEK. THE SIX TRAINS WHICH ARRIVED 6TH SEPT. HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED. THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BY DCOS(EXEC) WITH DMG HERE TODAY AND DMG GAVE FOLLOWING RULINGS.

1. IN FUTURE ANY TRAINS OVER TWO PER WEEK WILL BE TURNED BACK AT THE FRONTIER.
2. WE ARE TO IGNORE THE SURPLUS OF FOUR TRAINS RECEIVED FOR THIS WEEK.

DP DIVISION ARE TAKING ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THESE DECISIONS IN THE ZONE. THIS MEANS WE ARE STOPPING ALL TRAINS FROM NOW ONWARDS UNTIL WEEK BEGINNING 12TH SEPTEMBER, WHEN WE SHALL BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT TWO MORE TRAINS. REQUEST YOU INSURE DP DIVISION IN BERLIN INFORM POLISH MISSION IN BERLIN AND POLISH MEMBER CRX(CRX) OF THIS DECISION AT ONCE.

DISTRIBUTION

For Action Chief Secretary

Info MA/Deputy Mil Governor - retention Berlin
PA/Political Adviser (2)
PA/DCOS (Policy)
Secretariat (4)
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Political Div (3)
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M & M C (3)

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259MOST IMMEDIATE

IKB 29208

DIO SEP 072030

TOR 000940B

FROM: PWDP DIV LAMGO

TO: HANREG
STINREG
BEROOMB (FOR PW AND CRX)

CCG 43268.

PWDP/58326/3. 7 SEPTEMBER 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW. DEP MIL GOV HAS ORDERED THAT NO MORE SWALLOW TRAINS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 12 SEPTEMBER. YOU WILL FORTHWITH PREVENT ANY TRAIN FROM CROSSING INTO THE BRITISH ZONE. DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 12 SEPTEMBER. A TOTAL OF 2 SWALLOW TRAINS WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TRAINS BY REGIONS WILL FOLLOW IN A LATER TFM FROM ZECO.

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IYB 28880
DFO SEP 051720
TOR 060145

FROM: PWDP CONCOMB LEMGO
TO: PWDP BERCOMB BERLIN
INFO: SECRETARIAT CONCOMB
RDR DIV CONCOMB
INTELLIGENCE DIV BERCOMB-BERLIN
POLITICAL DIV CONCOMB

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM
POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000.

1. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 31 AUGUST 32,187.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 31 AUGUST 46. 1,268,142.
3. FIGURES GIVEN IN 1 AND 2 INCLUDE BOTH UNOFFICIAL AND OFFICIAL SWALLOWS.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: PW & DP Div

INFO: Secretariat (4)
Intelligence Div
Political Div (3)
R.D. & R. Div (4)
M & M.C. (3)

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FROM: PWDP CONCOB LIEGO

TO: PWDP HANREG HANNOVER
PWDP SEINREG KIEL
PWDP REINREG DUSSELDORF
PWDP HANNOV HAMBURG



IYB 28737

DTO SEP 040920

TOR 042030B

INFO: PWDP FOR BERGOMB GRX BERLIN
PWDP BERGOMB BERLIN
MANPOWER (HOUSING) LIEGO
EXPOR TD (HOV) BAD OLINHAUSEN
I A & C DIV (WELFARE) BUNDE
PWDP 30 CORPS DIST LUNEBURG
M & M O LUBBECKE.

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COC 75558 (PWDP/Q) 3 SEPTEMBER 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW. FURTHER TO THIS HQ.C.C.G.
(PWDP/Q) 30 AUGUST. MEANT TO RUN TWO TRAINS WEEKLY ONE AT LUBECK,
ONE AT HELMSTEDT. DISPERSAL WILL BE ONE TRAIN WEEKLY TO HANREG,
(BEING ABSORPTION OF THE HELMSTEDT TRAIN), ONE TRAIN WEEKLY
ALTERNATELY TO WIPPER-FURTH AND BIELEFELD UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
SEINREG. REGIONS CONCERNED WILL INFORM LIAISON TEAMS IMMEDIATELY
AS TO NEW ARRANGEMENTS. ACTION ADDRESS ES ACK.

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PW & DP Div
M & M C (3)

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Tel. No. 86-5190.

Ref :- PWDP/59809/18.

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PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element).,
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

2nd September, 1946.

PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
66 H.Q., C.C.G (B.E).,
LEMGO, B.A.O.R.

See also
4273

SUBJECT :- French Nationals on SWALLOW Trains.

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Reference your PWDP/58305/Q, dated 31st August, 1946.

1. Will you please say if any, and if so how many, French Nationals have been sent into the British Zone via Swallow trains from KOHLFURT.
2. May we please have more details of such reports if you want them taken up. We cannot take up vague accusations which we are not able to support.
3. In this case there is no apparent reason why they should NOT direct their nationals to KOHLFURT.

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G.B. VAUGHAN-HUGHES, Lieut. Colonel,
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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Tel: LEMGO 604

Ref: PWDP/58305/Q

PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
CCG LEMGO,
66 HQ CCG,
B.A.O.R.

31 Aug 46

To: PW & DP Division,
HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN,
B.A.O.R.

see also 7273

SUBJECT: French Nationals on SWALLOW Trains

1. It has been reported by the Liaison Team at KOHLFURT that the French Consuls in WARSAW and KATOWICZ are directing their nationals to KOHLFURT.
2. Will you please take this matter up with the French Authorities in BERLIN to end this practice, as it is in contradiction to the present agreement.

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A.K. Jones

A.K. JONES,
Major,

for Chief, PW & DP Division.

Tel. No. 86-5942.

Ref :- PWDP/59809/18.

PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element).,
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

30th August, 1946.

British Secretariat of the Zonal Advisory Council,
HAMBURG.

With reference to Minute 135 (ii) of the 6th Meeting of the Z.A.C. I have to inform you that the proposal and recommendation was considered by the Governmental Sub-Commission here to-day. It was, however, considered that the proposal is not one that could in practice be carried out at this late stage in the movement between the Zones of Germany and that it is not therefore intended that the matter should be pursued.

With reference to Minute 135 (iii) which was referred for joint study to the Legal and Constitutional Committee and the Refugee Committee, I am attaching for your information and for that of the Z.A.C. a copy of a paper tabled by the Deputy Military Governor at the 73rd Meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee on 28th August, 1946. You will see that the proposal to establish a Central Zonal Refugee Office is to be considered by the PW & DP Directorate. The recommendations therefore of the Refugee Committee and of the Z.A.C. upon this subject will be of value to the British PW & DP Division.

RNT/JMC.

R.N. THICKNESSE, Colonel,
D/Chief, PW & DP Division.

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Copies on files:- PWDP/59801/46.
PWDP/59801/42
PWDP/59809/1.

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Ref: PWDP/59809/18

809/18. (254)
PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
Berlin, B. A. O. R.

To: Deputy Military Governor

27th August, 1946.

Subject: Paper to be tabled at CORC on 28 August
by British Member on slowing down rate
of Operation "Swallow" and general review
of the refugees problem.

1. The paper to be tabled by you is attached at Flag A and is self-explanatory as far as the decision affects us and the Poles.

2. The clauses in the agreements providing for review of the whole programme upon which we base our case read as follows:-

(a) CONL/P(45)57 of 17 November 1945.

"... Changes may be made on account of weather or transport and after more information is received about the quantity of population transferred ..."

(b) Anglo-Polish bilateral agreement.

"... the transfer and movement of Germans from their homes in Poland and their resettlement in the British zone will be carried out in a humane and orderly manner ..."

Neither of these provisions is very definite, but see also Flag D, which is an extract from CORC/M(45)97 Potsdam Chapter XIII which states that transfers are to be carried out in "an orderly and humane manner".

3. A copy of our letter to the Polish Mission of 26 August is attached (Flag B).

4. Proposal to review the whole problem.

We think that your colleagues will react as follows:-

(a) Russian. In accordance with his previous policy, which is outlined in the attached extract from CORC Minutes of the 63rd and 64th Meetings (Flag C).

(b) French. Unpredictable.

(c) American. They have already stopped certain movements that were taking place under the Potsdam agreement without telling us formally and so are in no position to object to our slowing down "Swallow".

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

As your colleagues will not have had time to consider this paper it may well be advisable to agree to postpone its discussion until the next meeting or it would be satisfactory if you could get them to agree to instruct the PW and DP Directorate to review the problem and make a report.

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Memorandum by the British Member.

I consider that the time has now come to review the working of the plan for the transfer of the German population to be moved from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland, which was approved in CONL/P (45) 57 of 17th November, 1945. Para. 4 of this plan expressly makes provision for such a review.

Up to 10th August, 1946, 988,918 Germans from Poland have been moved into the British Zone by officially organised movement. Since the date of approval of the original plan a further 184,182 have entered the British Zone by illegal infiltration. I intend to count these also against our quota of 1,500,000 and our total acceptances to date is therefore 1,173,100.

Figures for the U.S., Soviet and French Zones up to 15th July, 1946, have been given as follows :-

U.S. Zone from Czechoslovakia	- 967,506 out of 1,750,000 quota.
U.S. Zone from Hungary	- 142,057 out of 500,000 quota.
Soviet Zone from Poland	- 848,986 out of 2,000,000 quota.
Soviet Zone from Czechoslovakia	- 309,404 out of 750,000 quota.
French Zone from Austria	- Nil out of 150,000 quota.

On the figures given here it is clear that the British Zone has made at least as great an effort as the other three Zones to fulfil its commitment and complete its quota.

The population of the British Zone in May 1939, was 19,986,900. It is now approximately 22,500,000. The British Zone suffered greater destruction than the other three Zones and the average dwelling space in it is 6.5 square metres per person. This compares, according to the latest available figures, with 7.6 square metres in the U.S. Zone, 9.4 in the French Zone, and 14.4 in the Soviet Zone, and represents a degree of overcrowding which is already a serious problem, and beyond which I am not prepared to go.

The refugees from Poland who are entering the British Zone contain a very high proportion of old people and young children. The proportion of able-bodied males capable of work is not more than 10% of the whole. This leaves a very high proportion who can only be regarded as a "serious hindrance

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to the re-establishment of reasonable economic and social conditions in the British Zone".

They arrive practically destitute, with insufficient clothing and without bedding and cooking vessels. The production of consumer goods is quite inadequate to meet their needs. The British Zone, too, is the least self-supporting of the four Zones as regards food, and the failure to treat Germany as an economic whole has thrown on to it the whole of the extra burden of feeding these refugees.

The results of overcrowding, lack of the necessary consumer goods, and of the low food scale, are that a situation has been reached when a further importation of refugees is indefensible on humanitarian grounds. I therefore feel compelled to reduce the flow of expellees from Poland in to the British Zone to a maximum of two trains a week whilst the whole problem of absorbing expellees and refugees is being reviewed, and I have therefore informed the Polish Mission to the Allied Control Authority accordingly.

I invite my colleagues to instruct PW & DP Directorate to carry out this review which should embrace all the present known problems, including movement of minorities from Yugoslavia and Austria, and of refugees from Denmark and other countries including those outside Europe.

I further consider that the time has now come to set up a central German Agency covering the whole of Germany, to take over the care and supervision of all refugees and expellees, and to execute a policy of distribution to be determined by the Allied Control Authority.

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Office of the Deputy Military
Governor,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element)
B E R L I N. B.A.O.R.

26 August, 1946.

Polish Military Mission to the
Allied Control Authority,
c/o Allied Liaison & Protocol Section,
A. C. A. Building,
B E R L I N.

1. I have to inform you that as a result of the danger to public health arising from the extreme shortage of housing and of food in the British Zone of Germany, I am compelled to review the rate at which I am able to accept refugees from those territories of Germany now under the administration of your Government.
2. You will remember that a quadripartite agreement made in Berlin in November last year upon the transfer of German populations from Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary formed the basis for the subsidiary agreement subsequently made between the Polish and British authorities relating to the transfers from Polish administered territories.
3. The quadripartite agreement provided for a revision of the rates of flow, and in accordance with that provision I have to inform you that as from 5th September 1946 I shall be able to accept two trains only each week into the British Zone, for the reasons given in the first paragraph of this letter.
4. I shall be informing my colleagues in the Allied Control Council of my decision and asking them to carry out a full review of the refugee problem in Germany.

Lieutenant-General,
Deputy Military Governor.

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Extract from CORC/M(46)34,
Minutes of the 63rd Meeting

"General DRATVIN repeated that this was not the time to touch upon the question of Poland. The question of transferring Germans from Poland and Czechoslovakia had been decided at the Potsdam Conference. In conformity with this decision these Germans should be transferred into the Allies' zones by first priority. If this condition, namely the transfer in the first instance of these Germans from Poland and Czechoslovakia were met, he would not object to the reception into Germany of German refugees from other countries including Denmark.

Extract from CORC/M(46)35
Minutes of the 64th Meeting

"General ERSKINE stated that he had not accepted, and did not now accept, that a zone commander required quadripartite agreement to accept Germans domiciled in his Zone.

CORC/M(45)9 did not enunciate such a principle and nothing from the discussion could be construed to have reached agreement on such a point.

During the Meeting he had made the following statement which he would like to have inserted as an amendment to the minutes after General DRATVIN'S remarks at the bottom of page 5:

"General ERSKINE was not able to agree with General DRATVIN since the Potsdam Agreement did not give absolute priority to the movement of Germans from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland."

Throughout the discussion he maintained the principle of CORC/M(45)9 which was that the acceptance of Germans domiciled in a zone was a matter for the Zone Commander. Therefore, he requested that Conclusion 388(b), line 5, be altered to read: "Zone Commander" in place of "Allied Control Authority".

General DRATVIN indicated that he would not object to General ERSKINE'S proposed amendment if it were understood that it would not run counter to the Co-ordinating Committee's previously accepted plan to transfer Germans from Poland and Czechoslovakia to Germany in first priority.

General ERSKINE was of the opinion that this was not in accord with the conclusions recorded in CORC/M(45)9. In conformity with these conclusions, persons previously domiciled in Germany had a higher priority than those who had not previously been domiciled in Germany. The Potsdam Agreement made no mention of any priority for Germans domiciled in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

General DRATVIN explained that he was stating his reservation in order to ensure clarification for all the delegations, namely, in order that there be no hindrance to the implementation of the decision which had previously been taken by the Committee, i.e. to prevent any halt in the resettlement of Germans from Poland and Czechoslovakia. He further remarked that the reservation made by General ERSKINE might render difficult the interpretation of this question. In conclusion he stated that he would not object to deleting sub-para. b. of Concl. (388).

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In view of the fact that his colleagues thought it desirable to retain this paragraph with the amendment proposed by General ERSKINE, General DRATVIN proposed to add at the end of that paragraph the following:

"These conditions will not prejudice the carrying out of the approved plan for resettlement of Germans from Poland to Czechoslovakia."

General ERSKINE stated he could not accept this addition since he considered that it laid down a priority for that category of Germans.

General DRATVIN explained that the object of his amendment was to ensure no holding up of the transfer of Germans from Poland and Czechoslovakia and that he did not at all have in mind the question of a priority."

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Conclusion (115) of GORC/M(45)9

"THE MEETING:

- F. agreed upon the following principle for transmission to the Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Directorate:-
- (a) Germans who have a domicile in Germany but are now displaced from it shall be returned to their homes at exchange places and at rates agreed by the Zone Commanders. The initial rate acceptable to the Soviet Delegation is one for one, as a temporary basis.
 - (b) In the overall plan to be prepared by the Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Directorate for transfer of populations, including the resettlement of Germans from Poland, Czechoslovakia and other countries, the capability of absorption of each zone and the density of population shall be determined only after taking into account the result of returning to their domiciles the displaced Germans referred to at (a) above.
 - (c) In considering the capability of absorption of a zone, availability of work, housing and food resources must be taken into account as well as the density of population."

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FROM: CONFOLK

TO: BERCOMB

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TOR 301040B

CCLB/G/255/3 27 AUGUST 46.

FROM SDIS FOR DGER. REFERENCE PAPER TO BE TABLED AT
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 28 AUGUST CONCERNING OPERATION
SWALLOW.

ARGUS 605 SUGRA 680 AND ARGUS 615 REFER. PUBLICITY
SHOULD EMPHASISE THAT OUR AIM IS REVIEW OF NOVEMBER TRANSFER
PLAN AND NOT REVISION OF POTSDAM CLAUSES ON POPULATION TRANSFER.

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FROM: FWDP CONCOMB LEMGO

TO: FWDP BERCOMB

INFO: RDR DIV CONCOMB MINDEN
SECRETARIAT CONCORD LUBBECKE
INTELLIGENCE DIV BERCOMB
POLITICAL DIV CONCOMB LUBBECKE.

CCG/75545 (FWDP/SEC/STATS) 29 AUG 46.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM
POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000. REFERENCE BGCC 6327
OF 16 MARCH 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 24 AUGUST 2130.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 24 AUGUST 46 187,009.

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Office of the Deputy Military Governor,
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Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

26 August, 1946.

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Polish Military Mission to the
Allied Control Authority,
c/o Allied Liaison and Protocol Section,
A.C.A. Building,
BERLIN

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1. I have to inform you that as a result of the danger to public health arising from the extreme shortage of housing and of food in the British Zone of Germany, I am compelled on humanitarian grounds to review the rate at which I am able to accept refugees from those territories of Germany now under the administration of the Polish Government.
2. You will remember that a quadripartite agreement made in Berlin in November last year upon the transfer of German populations from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary formed the basis for the subsidiary agreement subsequently made between the Polish and British authorities relating to the transfer from Polish administered territories.
3. The quadripartite agreement provided for a review of the plan of transfer, and I consider that, in view of present circumstances, the time has come for such a review. I am accordingly asking my colleagues on the Allied Control Authority to carry out a full review of the problem of expellees and refugees in Germany.
4. Meanwhile, I have to inform you that for the reasons given in the first paragraph of the present letter, I shall, as from 5 September 1946, be compelled to reduce the inflow of expellees into the British Zone to a limit of two trains a week while the whole problem of absorbing expellees and refugees is being reviewed, and I am informing my Allied colleagues of this decision.

(Sgd.) G.W.E.J. ERSKINE,
Maj. Gen.
for Lieutenant General,
Deputy Military Governor.

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PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
Berlin, B.A.O.R.

28th August, 1946.

PW & DP Division,
66 HQ, C.C. for G.,
Zonal Executive Offices,
BAOR.

Subject: Operation "Swallow"

Reference PWDP/59326 of 22nd August.

1. This letter was shown to Chief when he was here and he has agreed that conditions in Poland are to our knowledge such that, even if the matter was put to them and they promised to assist, nothing would come of it. He agrees that it is not worth the probable quarrel with the Poles which would ensue if it was taken up.

G.B. VAUGHAN HUGHES,
Lt.Col.
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND TIMES FOR SLOWING DOWN

OPERATION "SWALLOW".

26th August.

Inform the Control Office by immediate telegram (attached) of the date that we are to make our announcement.

27th August.

- (a) Letter reaches Polish Military Mission in Berlin.
- (b) British Executive Authorities informed.

28th August.

Paper tabled at CORC.

5th September.

The last trains under present arrangements leave starting points in Poland.

7th September.

Flow reduced to two trains a week.

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

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TO: D. C. O. S. (Pol)

FROM: PW & DP Division

SUBJECT: Paper for CORC announcing the slowing down of
Operation "Swallow" and proposing a review of
the whole refugee and expellee problem.

FILE REF: PWDP/59809/18

DATE: August 1946

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A.G. KENCHINGTON,
Brig.
Chief, PW & DP Division.

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

HEADQUARTERS

PW & DP Division

File Ref: PWDP/59809/18

August, 1946

To: D. C. O. S. (Pol)

Subject: Paper for CORC announcing the slowing down of Operation "SWALLOW"
and proposing a review of the whole refugee and expellee problem.

I. DISCUSSION

1. In answer to our request for authority to stop Operation "SWALLOW", Control Office sent SUGRA 656 of 6th August (Flag "A") asking for further details.
2. We sent ARGUS 605 of 19 August 1946 (Flag "B") in reply, in which we outlined the contents of a paper to be tabled at CORC, announcing the slowing down of "SWALLOW" and proposing a review of the whole problem.
3. Control Office has replied in SUGRA 680 of 24 August (Flag "C") agreeing to the paper with exception of one suggestion which has been incorporated.

II. RECOMMENDATION

At Flag "D" is a draft for approval of the proposed paper for Co-ordinating Committee.

III. CONCURRENCES

Political Division	<i>L.C. Blackham</i>	Date and Time	1520 hrs. 26/8
Manpower Division	<i>R. D. Dine</i>	Date and Time	1500 hrs. 26/8/46.
I.A. & C. Division	<i>R.L. Brynne</i>	Date and Time	1540 hrs 26/8/46
~~Food and Agriculture Division~~		~~Date and Time~~	

G.B. Vaughan Hughes *WOL*
A. G. KENCHINGTON,
Brig.
Chief, PW & DP Division.

Chief Liaison

*The draft at Red Flag is
Approved - It will be tabled at C.O.R.C.
by D.H.G. on 28 Aug under "other business"
Translation will be prepared for
Circulation to other members of C.O.R.C.
P.W./D.P. to prepare short brief for D.H.G.*

26 Aug. 46.

G. L. Kenner *Thy. L. L.*
DCOS (P).

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Control Commission for Germany (British Element).

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SUGRA 656. 6 AUGUST 46 .

REF. YOUR ARGUS 52 .

REGARDING RECEPTION IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANS EXPELLED FROM
POLAND.

FIRST. WE HAVE CONSIDERED YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF OPERATION
SWALLOW . THIS IS A MATTER OF THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY SINCE IT
INVOLVES FAILURE TO CARRY OUT OUR AGREEMENT UNDER CONTROL COMMISSION'S
PLAN OF NOVEMBER 21ST 1945 AND CONSEQUENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH POLES . IT
MUST BE RECOGNISED THAT QUITE APART FROM ITS DESIRE THAT IN FUTURE NO
GERMAN MINORITY SHALL BE LEFT WITHIN POLISH TERRITORY, THE POLISH
GOVERNMENT HAS THE PRACTICAL AND URGENT REASON FOR EXPELLING THE
GERMANS OR WISHING TO USE THE ACCOMMODATION THUS EVACUATED FOR POLES
COMING FROM EAST TO THE CURZON LINE . THE EXPULSION OF THE GERMANS
IS THE ONLY POINT ON WHICH ALL PARTIES POLAND ARE UNITED AND WE WOULD
ONLY HOPE TO BRING THEM TO ACCEPT THIS SUSPENSION IF WE CAN GIVE
IRREFUTABLE REASONS TO MAKE CLEAR WHY WE CANNOT DO WHAT WE UNDERTOOK
IN NOVEMBER LAST .

SECOND. IN ADDITION SUSPENSION OF SWALLOW WOULD, AS YOU POINT OUT, MAKE IT
NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE RECEPTION IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF EX-ENEMY
REFUGEES IN DENMARK OTHER THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY DOMICILED THERE . THIS
DEVELOPMENT WILL CAUSE GREAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF STALIN'S OFFER TO TAKE HALF THE GERMANS IN THE
RUSSIAN ZONE AND WE SHALL HAVE TO EXPLAIN OUR VIEW CLEARLY TO THEM .
ALSO THE DANES HAVE A VERY GOOD CHANCE TO BE RELIEVED OF THIS BURDEN .

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THIRD. NEVER-THE-LESS WE RECOGNISE THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN WHICH YOU ARE PLACED, BY CONTINUATION OF SWALLOW UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS AND PROVIDED IT CAN BE SHOWN INCONTESTABLY TO BE UNAVOIDABLE AND FACTS ARE PRODUCED TO PROVE THIS WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE THAT RATE OF ACCEPTANCE SHOULD BE AT LEAST FOR THE TIME SEVERELY CURTAILED. WE SHOULD LIKE TO BE SATISFIED ON THIS POINT .

FOURTH. WE THINK THAT THE QUESTION MIGHT MOST SATISFACTORILY BE PURSUED AND ARGUED ON THE FOLLOWING LINES :

- (A) THE CONTROL COUNCIL PLANS OF NOVEMBER 21 WAS ADOPTED BY US ON TWO ASSUMPTIONS.
 - (1) THAT AS STATED IN PARA. 5. OF THE PAPER ATTACHED TO CONL/P (45) 57 PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE EXCHANGE OF REFUGEES BETWEEN THE ZONES, HAS OPERATED TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF OUR ZONE TO THE EXTENT OF OUR RECEIVING OVER A MILLION MORE REFUGEES THAN WE HAVE LOST . THIS COMPLETELY UPSETS THE BASIS ON WHICH WE AGREED TO TAKE ONE AND A HALF MILLION .
 - (2) THAT THE PROVISION OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT THAT GERMANY WOULD BE TREATED AS A SINGLE ECONOMIC UNIT WOULD BE FULFILLED . THIS WOULD HAVE PERMITTED THE FREE FLOW OF FOOD FROM THE EASTERN ZONE INTO THE WESTERN AREAS . FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS FOOD HAS LED TO UNDERNOURISHMENT, REDUCED THE OUT-PUT OF COAL AND SO DELAYED THE REBUILDING OF ACCOMMODATION AND THE PRODUCTION OF ESSENTIAL CONSUMER GOODS WITHOUT WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE EXPELLEES TO BE MAINTAINED . WE DO NOT HOWEVER THINK THAT THIS ARGUMENT SHOULD BE PRESSED TOO STRONGLY SINCE WE WERE AWARE WHEN THE NOVEMBER AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED OF MANY OF THE DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH WE SHOULD BE FACED .
- (B) THE DIFFICULTIES CREATED FOR US IN REGARD TO FOOD ACCOMMODATION AND CONSUMER GOODS BY THE ABOVE UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED BY THE FACTS THAT NEARLY ALL THE EXPELLEES ARE UNPRODUCTIVE AND SO HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED BY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND THAT THEY ARRIVE VIRTUALLY DESTITUTE WITH NONE OF THE BARE NECESSITIES OF LIFE WHICH ARE ALREADY IN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY IN OUR ZONE . THE RESULTS ARE INTOLERABLE BURDENS ON THE EXISTING

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POPULATION IN OUR ZONE AND A STANDARD OF EXISTENCE FOR THE REFUGEES BELOW THE MINIMUM WE CONSIDER NECESSARY ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS . (THE POINT WILL OF COURSE BE MADE THAT ALL POW WORKERS ARE COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF TRANSFER IN AN ORDERLY AND HUMANE MANNER) WE HAVE THEREFORE BEEN FORCED TO THE DECISION MUCH AGAINST OUR DESIRE THAT THE RATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE REFUGEES MUST BE SEVERELY REDUCED, BELOW WHAT WE HAD HOPED TO ACHIEVE AT ANY RATE UNTIL NEXT SPRING . WE DO NOT WISH TO PUT A COMPLETE STOP TO THE RECEPTION OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND AND WE ARE PREPARED TO KEEP A SMALL FLOW GOING (SAY A COUPLE OF TRAINS A WEEK) AS AN EARNEST OF OUR GOOD FAITH .

- (C) PENDING THE GENERAL REVIEW OF THE GERMAN REFUGEE PROBLEM MENTIONED BELOW WE CAN ONLY RECEIVE ANY GERMAN REFUGEE FROM DENMARK WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY DOMICILED IN OUR ZONE . IF THE OTHER OCCUPYING POWERS DO LIKEWISE IT WILL AT LEAST ALLEVIATE THE BURDEN PENDING A DECISION .
- (D) ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS WHY WE DO NOT WISH TO GO BEYOND A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AT THIS STAGE IS THAT THERE IS STILL THE VOLKSDEUTSCHE FROM AUSTRIA AND JUGOSLAVIA TO BE PROVIDED FOR . WE WISH TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE THAT WHILE WE AND THE RUSSIANS LOOK AFTER REFUGEES FROM THE NORTHERN SECTOR INCLUDING THOSE IN DENMARK AND POLAND THE SOUTHERN IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE US AND THE FRENCH . WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT WHEN MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NOVEMBER AGREEMENT THE PROBLEM OF RECEIVING GERMAN MINORITY SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN :
- (A) HOW MANY MORE REFUGEES ARE ACTUALLY TO COME FROM POLAND,
- (B) AFTER THE SOVIET ZONE HAS TAKEN ITS FAIR PROPORTION IN

ACCORDANCE

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WITH NOVEMBER AGREEMENT HOW MANY WOULD REMAIN FOR THE BRITISH ZONE.

(C) HOW THE GERMAN REFUGEES FROM DENMARK ARE TO BE ALLOCATED

(D) HOW MANY ARE TO COME FROM AUSTRIA AND JUGOSLAVIA AND WHAT PLANS

CAN BE MADE FOR THEIR RECEPTION. IN CARRYING OUT THIS EXAMINATION

REGARD WOULD BE HAD TO THE ACTUAL NUMBERS MOVED INTO THE FOUR ZONES

UNDER THE PRESENT PLAN (IN THIS CONNECTION RADIO WARSAW STATED ON

18 JULY THAT UP TO 17 JULY 900000 GERMANS HAD BEEN REPATRIATED FROM

POLAND.) IF TRUE THIS WOULD MEAN THAT NONE AT ALL HAD GONE TO THE

RUSSIAN ZONE AND THE EFFECT OF THE EXCHANGE OF REFUGEES WHICH HAS

LEFT US WORSE OFF BUT OTHER ZONES BETTER OFF. THE EXAMINATION WOULD

BE INITIATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE SO THAT A NEW PLAN CAN BE INTRODUCED

FOR EXAMINATION (?) NEXT SPRING IF BY THAT TIME CONDITIONS HAVE
IMPROVED.

5. YOU WILL SEE THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTIONS
THAT CONDITIONS WILL HAVE IMPROVED BY NEXT SPRING TO AN EXTENT WHICH
WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESUME THE RECEPTION OF REFUGEES. PLEASE
CONFIRM THAT IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THIS.

6. WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURE WE WOULD NOT BE SEEKING TO REVISE THE
POTSDAM DECISION BUT ONLY THE CONTROL COUNCIL PLAN OF NOVEMBER 21ST.
WE THINK THEREFORE THAT THE ABOVE OUGHT TO BE PUT FORWARD BY YOU THROUGH
THE QUADRIPARTITE MACHINERY. IT WILL HOWEVER BE NECESSARY FOR HMG
TO TAKE SUPPORTING ACTION WITH THE POLISH AND DANISH GOVERNMENTS AND
IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SUPPLY US WITH HARD FACTS CONCERNING
THE CONGESTION AND DIFFICULTIES IN THE ZONE WHICH CAN BE USED TO
SUPPORT OUR ARGUMENTS. IN ADDITION WE THINK IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE
THAT EVERY FACILITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO POLISH AND DANISH GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES AND JOURNALISTS TO SEE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE
EXPELLEES ARRIVE AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN OUR ZONE WHICH MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
TO CONTINUE THE FULL FLOW. WILL YOU CONSIDER THE BEST

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WAY OF DEMONSTRATING THIS TO THEM.

7. BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EARLY COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE AND FOR PROVISION OF THE CONCRETE FACTS WHICH ESTABLISH YOUR CASE AND WHICH WE CAN USE IN SUPPORT.

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: BERCOB

TO: CONFOK

INFO: CONCOMB

ARGUS 605. REFERENCE SUGRA 656 OF 6TH AUGUST 1946.
SUGRA 605. SUBJECT IS RECEPTION IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANS EXPELLED FROM POLAND. WE AGREE WITH THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED NAMELY THAT WE SHOULD TAKE QUADRIPARTITE ACTION AND THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE SUPPORTING ACTION WITH POLAND AND DENMARK. WE ALSO AGREE THAT A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION TO NOT MORE THAN TWO TRAINS A WEEK WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE SINCE THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO CONTINUE THE RETURN FLOW OF POLES AT THE PRESENT SLOW RATE. WE WOULD HESITATE TO ASSUME THAT CONDITIONS WILL HAVE IMPROVED NOTICEABLY NEXT SPRING. PRESENT CONGESTED CONDITIONS ARE CHIEFLY DUE TO HOUSING SHORTAGE AND THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF ANY CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT BY THEN.

2. IT WOULD BE OUR PROPOSAL TO TABLE A PAPER ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:-

(A) WE CONSIDER THE TIME HAS COME TO REVIEW THE WORKING OF

THE PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE GERMAN POPULATION TO BE MOVED FROM AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND POLAND INTO THE FOUR OCCUPIED ZONES OF GERMANY APPROVED IN COM/P (45)

57 OF 17TH NOVEMBER 1945. THIS PLAN EXPRESSLY MAKES PROVISION FOR SUCH A REVIEW.

(B) UP TO 3RD AUGUST 1946 - 956,654 GERMANS FROM POLAND HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO THE BRITISH ZONE BY OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED MOVEMENT.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF WORKING, THAT IS SINCE NOVEMBER 21ST 1945, A FURTHER 183,196 GERMANS FROM POLAND HAVE ENTERED THE BRITISH ZONE BY ILLEGAL INFILTRATION. WE INTEND TO COUNT THESE AGAINST OUR QUOTA OF 1,500,000 AND OUR TOTAL OF ACCEPTANCES

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FROM POLAND IS THEREFORE 1,139,850. UP TO 15TH JULY U.S. ZONE HAD RECEIVED, TOWARDS FULFILMENT OF THEIR QUOTA 967,506 FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND 142,057 FROM HUNGARY. UP TO 15TH JULY U.S.S.R. FIGURES ARE 848,986 FROM POLAND AND 309,404 FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WE ARE UNABLE TO AGREE TO U.S.S.R. FIGURES SINCE THEY ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT FIGURES WITH ANY EVIDENCE. WE HAVE THEREFORE MADE AT LEAST AS GREAT AN EFFORT AS THE OTHER TWO ZONES TO COMPLETE OUR QUOTA.

(C) THE POPULATION OF THE BRITISH ZONE IN MAY 1939 WAS 19,869,000.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE ZONE ON 13TH AUGUST WAS APPROXIMATELY 22,500,000. AT THE SAME TIME THE BRITISH ZONE HAS SUFFERED FAR GREATER DESTRUCTION THAN THE OTHER THREE ZONES. THE AVERAGE DWELLING SPACE IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF 6.5 SQUARE METRES PER PERSON COMPARES WITH 7.6. IN THE U.S. ZONE, 9.4. IN THE FRENCH ZONE AND 14.4 IN THE SOVIET ZONE. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT A DEGREE OF OVERCROWDING IN THE EXISTING ACCOMMODATION WHICH IS ALREADY A SERIOUS PROBLEM, AND BEYOND WHICH WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GO.

(D) CLOTHING, BEDDING AND COOKING VESSELS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR A REFUGEE POPULATION WHO ARRIVE DESTITUTE. THE PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER GOODS IS QUITE INADEQUATE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

(E) THE REFUGEES CONTAIN A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF OLD PEOPLE AND YOUNG CHILDREN. THE ABLE BODIED MALES CAPABLE OF WORK DO NOT NUMBER MORE THAN 10%. THIS LEAVES A VERY HIGH PROPORTION WHO CAN ONLY BE REGARDED AS USELESS IN ASSISTING THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE BRITISH ZONE.

(F) THE BRITISH ZONE IS THE LEAST SELF-SUPPORTING OF THE FOUR ZONES AS REGARDS FOOD, AND THE FAILURE TO TREAT GERMANY AS AN ECONOMIC WHOLE HAS THROWN THE WHOLE OF THE EXTRA BURDEN OF FEEDING THESE REFUGEES ON THE BRITISH ZONE.

(G) THE RESULTS OF OVER-CROWDING, LACK OF THE NECESSARY CONSUMER GOODS, AND OF THE LOW FOOD SCALE, IS THAT A SITUATION HAS BEEN REACHED

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WHEN A FURTHER IMPORTATION OF REFUGEES IS INDEFENSIBLE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

(H) WE CONSIDER THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO SET UP A CENTRAL GERMAN AGENCY COVERING THE WHOLE OF GERMANY TO TAKE OVER THE CARE AND SUPERVISION OF ALL REFUGEES AND EXILEES AND TO EXECUTE A POLICY OF DISTRIBUTION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY.

(J) WE FEEL COMPELLED TO REDUCE THE INFLOW OF EXILEES FROM POLAND INTO THE BRITISH ZONE TO A LIMIT OF TWO TRAINS A WEEK WHILE THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF ABSORBING EXILEES AND REFUGEES IS BEING REVIEWED.

3. WE WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE ABOVE AND SUGGEST THAT YOU ADOPT THE SAME LINES IN YOUR SUPPORTING ACTION WITH POLAND AND DENMARK.

4. YOUR PARA 4 (a) (i). WE DO NOT THINK IT OF ANY USE RAISING THE QUESTION OF FIGURES VIS A VIS THE RUSSIANS. THEY PRODUCE ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE AND UNVERIFIABLE FIGURES TO SHOW THAT ALL BALANCES ARE IN THEIR FAVOUR. WE HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THESE BUT DISCUSSION OF THEM IS ONLY LIKELY TO LEAD TO AN UNPROFITABLE ARGUMENT.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY
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FROM: CONFOLK
TO: BERCOMB
INFO: CONCOMB

SUGRA 680. 24 AUG 46.

REF ARGUS 605 of 19 AUG 46.

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TO: CONFOLK

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ARGUS (615) 26-AUG 46.

REFERENCE SUGRA 680.

I. LETTER IN FOLLOWING TERMS WILL BE HANDED TO POLISH MILITARY MISSION ON 27TH AUGUST 1946.

1. I HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH ARISING FROM THE EXTREME SHORTAGE OF HOUSING AND OF FOOD IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY, I AM COMPELLED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS TO REVIEW THE RATE AT WHICH I AM ABLE TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FROM THOSE TERRITORIES OF GERMANY NOW UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT.
2. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT A QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT MADE IN BERLIN IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR UPON THE TRANSFER OF GERMAN POPULATIONS FROM POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND HUNGARY FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT SUBSEQUENTLY MADE BETWEEN THE POLISH AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES RELATING TO THE TRANSFERS FROM POLISH ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES.
3. THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR A REVIEW OF THE PLAN OF TRANSFER, AND I CONSIDER THAT, IN VIEW OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE TIME HAS COME FOR SUCH A REVIEW. I AM ACCORDINGLY ASKING MY COLLEAGUES ON THE ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT A FULL REVIEW OF THE PROBLEM OF EXPELLEES AND REFUGEES IN GERMANY.

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4. MEANWHILE, I HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT, FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE PRESENT LETTER, I SHALL, AS FROM 5 SEPTEMBER 1946, BE COMPELLED TO REDUCE THE INFLOW OF REPELLEES INTO THE BRITISH ZONE TO A LIMIT OF TWO TRAINS A WEEK WHILE THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF ABSORBING REPELLEES AND REFUGEES IS BEING REVIEWED, AND I AM INFORMING MY ALLIED COLLEAGUES OF THIS DECISION.

II. ON 28 AUGUST 46 A PAPER WILL BE TABLED AT THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS" ON THE LINES MENTIONED IN ARGUS 605 INCORPORATING YOUR COMMENTS OF SUGRA 680.

III. WE ESTIMATE LAST TRAINS UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENT WILL LEAVE POLAND ON 5 SEPTEMBER 46 AND FLOW WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO TRAINS PER WEEK WITH EFFECT FROM 7 SEPTEMBER.

IV. PLEASE INFORM FOREIGN OFFICE URGENTLY OF THIS PROGRAMME, SO THAT SUPPORTING ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN WARSAW. PRESENT TELEGRAM IS BEING REPEATED TO H.M.EMBASSY IN WARSAW BY POLITICAL ADVISER.

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HQ PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BERLIN, BAOR.

24th August, 1946.

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1. This Memorandum deals with the admission of German refugees and minorities from countries in the rest of the world.

2. Paragraph 4(d) of SUGRA 656 reads as follows:-

"One of the principal reasons why we do not wish to go beyond a temporary suspension (of Operation "Swallow") at this stage is that there is still the Volksdeutsche from Austria and Yugoslavia to be provided for. We wish to maintain the principle that while we and the Russians look after refugees from the northern sector, including those in Denmark and Poland, the southern is the responsibility of the U.S., and the French....."

3. I do not accept the word "principle" as used in this extract from SUGRA 656. It was not a principle but a matter of administrative convenience that led us to bring Germans from Poland to the Russian and British Zones and those from Czechoslovakia and Hungary to the American and French Zones. The second objection I have to this proposal is that the Control Office is viewing the question of putting Germans back into Germany from the standpoint of countries in which they at present find themselves, whereas in my view the comparative congestions in the Zones of Germany are much more cogent considerations. Moreover, the Control Office are merely viewing the European scene and are not considering what the economic effect of the return of German Prisoners of War from all over the world will have on German economy. I also think that it is a wrong principle to consider refugees and minorities simultaneously because they have different claims to repatriation to Germany, those of refugees who presumably already have homes there being higher, in my opinion, than those of minorities, some of whom have been where they now are for several generations.

4. We must consider the problem as a whole, and include in our consideration all Germans whether refugees, minorities, prisoners of war, or internees whom we may have to accept into Germany in the future. The Control Office is dealing with two categories and one continent only.

5. There is a meeting of the PW & DP Directorate on the 29th August. If London has by that time approved our proposal to slow down "Swallow" it may be that we shall have before us an instruction from the Co-ordinating Committee to review the whole problem of refugees and minorities. Even if this has not happened, we shall at that Directorate Meeting be considering the acceptance of Germans from Denmark who have no residence in present-day Germany, amounting to some 170,000. I think it likely that the Soviet member will press the French to take 145,000 of them in addition to the French share of their previous residents, on the grounds that the French have only taken 5,000 out of a total of 150,000, to which they committed themselves under the November Agreement. I should like to support the Soviet member if he does take this line because although it would not be administratively convenient it does seem to me equitable that France should take a greater share of the general burden than she has at present. If we do support the Soviet proposal, and if, as I think likely, we are supported by America, it would be running counter to the SUGRA which I quote in paragraph 2 above.

6. May I have your instructions as to whether I should -

(a) be guided by the instructions in the SUGRA to which I refer,

or

/(b) support

- (b) support the proposal that the surplus Germans from Denmark should be sent to the French Zone of Germany,

or

- (c) stall in the discussion about the Germans from Denmark on the grounds that we ought not to discuss them without knowing the size of the world problem.

I should prefer (b).

R. N. Thicknesse

R.N. THICKNESSE, Colonel,
D/Chief, PW & DP Division.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

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PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
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22 August 46.

To:- PW & DP Division,
HQ, Control Commission for Germany (B.E.)
BERLIN,
B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Operation SWALLOW

1. Enclosed please find a letter from I.A. & C. Division reference INTR/6022/5/HQ of the 17 August and a letter from Military Government NORTH RHINE Region reference NR/PH/2440/SWAL of the 9th August 46, passed to you for you to make negotiations with the POLISH authorities.

2. In the opinion of this Headquarters, it is unlikely that the POLES will be able to co-operate over this request, even if they do and they inform us of areas that have infectious epidemics, it is doubtful whether they would be at all accurate.

AKJ/IM.

A.K. Jones
A.K. JONES, Major
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to:- C.R.X. BERLIN.

I.A. & C. Division - your INTR/6022/5/HQ
of the 17th August 46 refers.

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Secretariat Section,
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Zonal Executive Offices,
CCG (BE) BUNDE,
62 HQ CCG,
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17 August, 1946.

To:- PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
LEMGO, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT:- Operation "SWALLOW"

Attached herewith a copy of a report received from the Senior Public Health Officer, of North Rhine Region, on the condition of refugees arriving in the British Zone under Operation Swallow.

It will be appreciated that these conditions are liable to have serious repercussions unless some action is taken immediately.

It is therefore requested that you endeavour to obtain the information as requested in paragraph 4. of the North Rhine Region Report, and keep the Public Health Branch of this Division informed accordingly.

Sgd. ??
for Brigadier,
Deputy Chief,
I A & C Division.

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HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NORTH RHINE REGION.

Subject:- Operation "Swallow" -
Arrival of refugees in North Rhine Region.

NR/PH/2440/SWAL
9 Aug. 46.

Public Health Branch,
I A & C Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
CCG (BE),
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

1. Large numbers of refugees are arriving daily at Wipperfurth Camp, mainly from New Poland. Train loads contain from 1500 to 2000 people, and there are as many as 10 batches per week.

Refugees have generally experienced an exhausting journey, having spent as long as 14 days in transit, with no cooked meals until they reached the British Zone.

Consequently they arrive in a dirty, exhausted condition and in a state of lowered resistance, liable to succumb to, and to transmit epidemic disease.
2. Every precaution is taken both on arrival in the British Zone and in the camp to detect and prevent the spread of infection. In spite of this it is unnecessary to emphasise the ever-present danger of the introduction and spread of epidemics as a result of these moves, particularly in view of the conditions in the British Zone. With a population in its present malnourished state, and consequently ill-equipped to resist infection, the danger of an outbreak and widespread trouble becomes daily more imminent.
3. No notification is at present received at this HQ from the countries of origin of the refugees regarding their state of health on departure, or of health conditions in the areas from which they come (i.e. whether particular infectious diseases are present or endemic).
4. It is requested that representations be made at the highest level for early information to be obtained in advance in respect of these moves, detailing the conditions of refugees on departure and a statement with reference to health conditions in the areas from which they leave.
5. In the absence of the necessary information, this HQ will find it difficult to control serious outbreaks resulting from the introduction of people from infected areas.

(Sgd.) J.H. Donnelly Col.
Col i/c PH
Military Government
North Rhine Region.

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Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

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FROM PW & DP Div. LEMGO.

TO: BERGOAB.

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PWDP/59002. 21 AUG, 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

REFERENCE YOUR BGCC 11562 DATED 14 AUG 46. TOTAL
OFFICIAL SWALLOWS RECEIVED TO DATE 988,918, TOTAL UNOFFICIAL
SWALLOWS RECEIVED TO DATE 184,182. GRAND TOTAL 1,173,100.
UNOFFICIAL FIGURES INCLUDE SWALLOWS RECEIVED INTO THE BRITISH
ZONE UNDER OPERATIONS WASP AND HONEYBEE AND THESE ARE BEING COUNTED
AGAINST THE ONE AND HALF MILLIONS TO BE RECEIVED. IT IS EMPHASISED
THAT THESE FIGURES CAN BE SUPPORTED BY OUR RECORDS. FOR NEGOTIATIONS,
THE GRAND TOTAL OF ALL REFUGEES RECEIVED FROM POLAND WILL BE USED THAT
IS 1,173,100 AS AT 10 AUG, 46.

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(C) THE POPULATION OF THE BRITISH ZONE IN MAY 1939 WAS 19,869,000.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE ZONE ON 13TH AUGUST WAS APPROXIMATELY 22,500,000. AT THE SAME TIME THE BRITISH ZONE HAS SUFFERED FAR GREATER DESTRUCTION THAN THE OTHER THREE ZONES. THE AVERAGE DWELLING SPACE IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF 6.5 SQUARE METRES PER PERSON COMPARES WITH 7.6. IN THE U.S. ZONE, 9.4. IN THE FRENCH ZONE AND 14.4 IN THE SOVIET ZONE. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT A DEGREE OF OVERCROWDING IN THE EXISTING ACCOMMODATION WHICH IS ALREADY A SERIOUS PROBLEM, AND BEYOND WHICH WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GO.

(D) CLOTHING, BEDDING AND COOKING VESSELS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR A REFUGEE POPULATION WHO ARRIVE DESTITUTE. THE PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER GOODS IS QUITE INADEQUATE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

(E) THE REFUGEES CONTAIN A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF OLD PEOPLE AND YOUNG CHILDREN. THE ABLE BODIED MALES CAPABLE OF WORK DO NOT NUMBER MORE THAN 10%. THIS LEAVES A VERY HIGH PROPORTION WHO CAN ONLY BE REGARDED AS USELESS IN ASSISTING THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE BRITISH ZONE.

(F) THE BRITISH ZONE IS THE LEAST SELF-SUPPORTING OF THE FOUR ZONES AS REGARDS FOOD, AND THE FAILURE TO TREAT GERMANY AS AN ECONOMIC WHOLE HAS THROWN THE WHOLE OF THE EXTRA BURDEN OF FEEDING THESE REFUGEES ON THE BRITISH ZONE.

(G) THE RESULTS OF OVER-CROWDING, LACK OF THE NECESSARY CONSUMER GOODS, AND OF THE LOW FOOD SCALE, IS THAT A SITUATION HAS BEEN REACHED

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WHEN A FURTHER IMPORTATION OF REFUGEES IS INDEFENSIBLE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

(H) WE CONSIDER THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO SET UP A CENTRAL GERMAN AGENCY COVERING THE WHOLE OF GERMANY TO TAKE OVER THE CARE AND SUPERVISION OF ALL REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES AND TO EXECUTE A POLICY OF DISTRIBUTION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY.

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FROM FWDP LEMGO
TO FWDP BERLIN
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CGG 75516 (FWDP/SEC STATS) 17 AUG 46

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF
EXPELLEES FROM POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1500,000.

REFERENCE BGCC 6327 OF 16 MARCH 46

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 10
AUGUST : 986.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 10 AUGUST 46: 18418.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : PW & DP Div

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From: Colonel R.M. JERRAM, DSO, MC.

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To: LEMGO 601

Ref: PWDP/58326/Sec



PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
CCG LEMGO,
66 HQ CCG,
B.A.O.R.

809/18

15 Aug 46

Dear

Townley

See 7214

*also Refers
7 211*

Your PWDP/59809/18 of 6 Aug 46.

I fear we have perhaps been a little naughty but it has been due to "Zeal Mr. Easy". There is in the Zone such a very strong sense of the extreme urgency of a decision to close down or almost completely curtail "SWALLOW" that we are inclined to take immediate action without fully consulting you. We do feel that it is not fully realised outside the Zone:

(i) the dire straits we are in as regards dispersal, housing etc;

every day without fault

(ii) the constant feeling that ~~all the time~~ this awful flow of people is going on and still goes on while ~~agreement~~ and discussion in CRX, Control Office etc. is delaying its stoppage.

teams

Your examples 1 and 2: our direct channel to the ~~teams~~ is through Hanreg and Steinreg and the border R Dets. I think the trouble in both your examples may lie more in ⁱⁿ correct signal procedure than in bloody mindedness on our part.

Your para 3: I am sorry but I am afraid that the lack of consultation is my fault. The thing is so urgent that I have as always been inclined on general principles to act first and argue afterwards. I do fully realise that this makes subsequent trouble but feel that in this case the urgency of curtailing the flow is a justification. Anyway we will do in future all we can to be better boys and not involve you in trouble with the comrades.

Yours

Roy.

RMJ/JPP

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Lt. Col. G.B. Vaughan Hughes,
PW & DP Division,
HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE)
BERLIN,
B.A.O.R.

*What is all this
about?*

B.F. in it.

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DTG AUG 141345 B

FROM: BLR COMB
PW DP DIV. LEMGO

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BGCC NO 11562. 14 AUG 46.

FROM COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO. 1188.

ACCORDING TO ROUGH CALCULATIONS COMBINED FIGURES OF TOTAL
INTAKE SWALLOW, INTO BRITISH ZONE INCLUDING OFFICIAL SWALLOW,
JERICHO, AND UNOFFICIAL SWALLOW, SHOULD NOW APPROXIMATE 1,200,000.

IN VIEW OF FACT, THESE FIGURES WILL BE CONTESTED BY POLISH
AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES, IT IS FELT THAT TIME HAS COME TO MAKE
CLEAR STATEMENT OF EXACT NUMBERS WHICH BRITISH ZONE CONSIDERS
HAVING RECEIVED TO DATE. ESSENTIAL WE INFORM POLISH AND SOVIET
AUTHORITIES IN GOOD TIME OF REMAINING NUMBER BRITISH ZONE INTEND
ACCEPTING FOR PLANNING OF EVENTUAL CLOSING OF OPERATION SWALLOW.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MIL GOV BERLIN ESTIMATE NUMBER OF
SWALLOW REFUGEES OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL EVACUATED BY JERICHO
ROUTE TO BE APPROXIMATELY 136000.

TO SUSTAIN OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS POLISH AND SOVIET
AUTHORITIES, REQUEST EXACT FIGURES TO SOME RECENT DEFINITE DATE,
AND FIRM POLICY THAT FIGURES QUOTED WILL BE ADHERED TO.

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DTO AUG131515B

TOR 131940B

FROM: PWDP LEMGO

TO PWDP BERLIN

See 1217

PWDP/58326/3/Q 15 AUGUST 46.

OP "SWALLOW"

YOUR BGCC 11124 CRX 1143 OF 3 AUG.

1. OWING TO EXTREME CONGESTION IN ZONE AND CONSEQUENT DISPERSAL DIFFICULTIES ESSENTIAL TRAIN FROM STETTIN ROUTED TO UELZEN FOR DISPERSAL.
2. WE ARE AGREEABLE TO ANY AMENDMENT OF ROUTE WHICH WILL SHORTEN TURNROUND AND DO NOT INSIST ON TRAIN BEING ROUTED VIA LUBECK.
3. CONSIDER THAT TIME HAS NOW COME TO DISCUSS CLOSING OF NORTHERN ROUTE AND CUT DOWN INTAKE TO 2 TRAINS DAILY AT MARIENTHAL.

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Action. CRX(BR) (5)

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FROM: PWDP DIV LEMGO

IYB 25997

TO: PWDP BERLIN

DTC AUG 091720B

RDR DIV MINDEN

TOR 101615B

SECRETARIAT LUBBECKE

INTELLIGENCE DIV. BERLIN

POLITICAL DIV. LUBBECKE

COG 75490/PWDP/SEC/STATS. 9 AUG:

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM
POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1500,000

REFERENCE BGCC 6327 OF 16 MARCH 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 3 AUG 1801.

2. GRAND TOTAL TO 3 AUG: 46. 183196

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Int: Div.

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FROM: CONFOLK

IYB 25949
DTG AUG 062230A
TOR 101100B

TO: BERCOMB

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SUGRA 656. 6 AUGUST 46.

REF YOUR ARGUS 52

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REGARDING RECEPTION IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANS EXPELLED
FROM POLAND.

1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF
OPERATION SWALLOW. THIS IS A MATTER OF THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY SINCE
IT INVOLVES FAILURE TO CARRY OUT OUR AGREEMENT UNDER CONTROL
COMMISSION'S PLAN OF NOVEMBER 21ST 1945 AND CONSEQUENTIAL AGREEMENT
WITH POLES. IT MUST BE RECOGNISED THAT QUITE APART FROM ITS DESIRE
THAT IN FUTURE NO GERMAN MINORITY SHALL BE LEFT WITHIN POLISH TERRITORY,
THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS THE PRACTICAL AND URGENT REASON FOR EXPELLING
THE GERMANS OF WISHING TO USE THE ACCOMMODATION THUS EVACUATED FOR POLES
COMING FROM EAST TO THE CURZON LINE. THE EXPULSION OF THE GERMANS IS THE
ONLY POINT ON WHICH ALL PARTIES POLAND ARE UNITED AND WE WOULD ONLY HOPE
TO BRING THEM TO ACCEPT THIS SUSPENSION IF WE CAN GIVE IRREFUTABLE REASONS
TO MAKE CLEAR WHY WE CANNOT DO WHAT WE UNDERTOOK IN NOVEMBER LAST.

See also
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2. IN ADDITION SUSPENSION OF SWALLOW WOULD, AS YOU POINT OUT,
MAKE IT NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE RECEPTION IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF
ENEMY REFUGEES IN DENMARK OTHER THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY DOMICILED THERE.
THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL CAUSE GREAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE DANISH GOVERN-
MENT PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF STALIN'S OFFER TO TAKE HALF THE GERMANS IN
THE RUSSIAN ZONE AND WE SHALL HAVE TO EXPLAIN OUR VIEW CLEARLY TO THEM.
ALSO THE DANES HAVE A VERY GOOD CHANCE TO BE RELIEVED OF THIS BURDEN.

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5. NEVERTHELESS WE RECOGNISE THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN WHICH YOU ARE PLACED, BY CONTINUATION OF SWALLOW UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS AND PROVIDED IT CAN BE SHOWN INCONTESTABLY TO BE UNAVOIDABLE AND FACTS ARE PRODUCED TO PROVE THIS WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE THAT RATE OF ACCEPTANCE SHOULD BE AT LEAST FOR THE TIME SEVERELY CURTAILED. WE SHOULD LIKE TO BE SATISFIED ON THIS POINT.

4. WE THINK THAT THE QUESTION MIGHT MOST SATISFACTORILY BE PURSUED AND ARGUED ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) THE CONTROL COUNCIL PLANS OF NOVEMBER 21 WAS ADOPTED BY US ON TWO ASSUMPTIONS.

(1) THAT AS STATED IN PARA 5 OF THE PAPER ATTACHED TO CONL/P/(45)57 PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE EXCHANGE OF REFUGEES BETWEEN THE ZONES, HAS OPERATED TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF OUR ZONE TO THE EXTENT OF OUR RECEIVING OVER A MILLION MORE REFUGEES THAN WE HAVE LOST. THIS COMPLETELY UPSETS THE BASIS ON WHICH WE AGREED TO TAKE ONE AND A HALF MILLION.

(11) THAT THE PROVISION OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT THAT GERMANY WOULD BE TREATED AS A SINGLE ECONOMIC UNIT WOULD BE FULFILLED. THIS WOULD HAVE PERMITTED THE FREE FLOW OF FOOD FROM THE EASTERN ZONE INTO THE WESTERN AREAS. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS FOOD HAS LED TO UNDERNOURISHMENT, REDUCED THE OUTPUT OF COAL AND SO DELAYED THE REBUILDING OF ACCOMMODATION AND THE PRODUCTION OF ESSENTIAL CONSUMER GOODS WITHOUT WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE EXPELLEES TO BE MAINTAINED. WE DO NOT HOWEVER THINK THAT THIS ARGUMENT SHOULD BE PRESSED TOO STRONGLY SINCE WE WERE AWARE WHEN THE NOVEMBER AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED OF MANY OF THE DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH WE SHOULD BE FACED.

(B) THE DIFFICULTIES CREATED FOR US IN REGARD TO FOOD ACCOMMODATION AND CONSUMER GOODS BY THE ABOVE UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED BY THE FACTS THAT NEARLY ALL THE EXPELLEES ARE UNPRODUCTIVE AND SO HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED BY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND THAT THEY ARRIVE

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VIRTUALLY DESTITUTE WITH NONE OF THE BARE NECESSITIES OF LIFE WHICH ARE ALREADY IN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY IN OUR ZONE. THE RESULTS ARE INTOLERABLE BURDENS ON THE EXISTING POPULATION IN OUR ZONE AND A STANDARD OF EXISTENCE FOR THE REFUGEES BELOW THE MINIMUM WE CONSIDER NECESSARY ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. (THE POINT WILL OF COURSE BE MADE THAT ALL POW WORKERS ARE COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF TRANSFER IN AN ORDERLY AND HUMANE MANNER) WE HAVE THEREFORE BEEN FORCED TO THE DECISION MUCH AGAINST OUR DESIRE THAT THE RATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE REFUGEES MUST BE SEVERELY REDUCED, BELOW WHAT WE HAD HOPED TO ACHIEVE AT ANY RATE UNTIL NEXT SPRING. WE DO NOT WISH TO PUT A COMPLETE STOP TO THE RECEPTION OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND AND WE ARE PREPARED TO KEEP A SMALL FLOW GOING (SAY A COUPLE OF TRAINS A WEEK) AS AN EARNEST OF OUR GOOD FAITH.

(C) PENDING THE GENERAL REVIEW OF THE GERMAN REFUGEE PROBLEM MENTIONED BELOW WE CAN ONLY RECEIVE ANY GERMAN REFUGEE FROM DENMARK WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY DOMICILED IN OUR ZONE. IF THE OTHER OCCUPYING POWERS DO LIKEWISE IT WILL AT LEAST ALLEVIATE THE BURDEN PENDING A DECISION .

(D) ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS WHY WE DO NOT WISH TO GO BEYOND A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AT THIS STAGE IS THAT THERE IS STILL THE VOLKS-DEUTSCHE FROM AUSTRIA AND JUGOSLAVIA TO BE PROVIDED FOR. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE THAT WHILE WE AND THE RUSSIANS LOOK AFTER REFUGEES FROM THE NORTHERN SECTOR INCLUDING THOSE IN DENMARK AND POLAND THE SOUTHERN IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE US AND THE FRENCH. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT WHEN MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NOVEMBER AGREEMENT THE PROBLEM OF RECEIVING GERMAN MINORITY SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN

(A) HOW MANY MORE REFUGEES ARE ACTUALLY TO COME FROM POLAND

(P) AFTER THE SOVIET ZONE HAS TAKEN ITS FAIR PROPORTION IN ACCORDANCE

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WITH NOVEMBER AGREEMENT HOW MANY WOULD REMAIN FOR THE BRITISH ZONE.

(C) HOW THE GERMAN REFUGEES FROM DENMARK ARE TO BE ALLOCATED

(D) HOW MANY ARE TO COME FROM AUSTRIA AND JUGOSLAVIA AND WHAT PLANS CAN BE MADE FOR THEIR RECEPTION. IN CARRYING OUT THIS EXAMINATION

REGARD WOULD BE HAD TO THE ACTUAL NUMBERS MOVED INTO THE FOUR ZONES

UNDER THE PRESENT PLAN (IN THIS CONNECTION RADIO WARSAW STATED ON

18 JULY THAT UP TO 17 JULY 900000 GERMANS HAD BEEN REPATRIATED FROM

POLAND.) IF TRUE THIS WOULD MEAN THAT NONE AT ALL HAD GONE TO THE

RUSSIAN ZONE AND THE EFFECT OF THE EXCHANGE OF REFUGEES WHICH HAS

LEFT US WORSE OFF BUT OTHER ZONES BETTER OFF. THE EXAMINATION WOULD

BE INITIATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE SO THAT A NEW PLAN CAN BE INTRODUCED

FOR EXAMINATION (?) NEXT SPRING IF BY THAT TIME CONDITIONS HAVE

IMPROVED.

5. YOU WILL SEE THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT CONDITIONS WILL HAVE IMPROVED BY NEXT SPRING TO AN EXTENT WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESUME THE RECEPTION OF REFUGEES. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THIS.

6. WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURE WE WOULD NOT BE SEEKING TO REVISE THE POTSDAM DECISION BUT ONLY THE CONTROL COUNCIL PLAN OF NOVEMBER 21ST. WE THINK THEREFORE THAT THE ABOVE OUGHT TO BE PUT FORWARD BY YOU THROUGH THE QUADRIPARTITE MACHINERY. IT WILL HOWEVER BE NECESSARY FOR HMG TO TAKE SUPPORTING ACTION WITH THE POLISH AND DANISH GOVERNMENTS AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SUPPLY US WITH HARD FACTS CONCERNING THE CONGESTION AND DIFFICULTIES IN THE ZONE WHICH CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT OUR ARGUMENTS. IN ADDITION WE THINK IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE THAT EVERY FACILITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO POLISH AND DANISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND JOURNALISTS TO SEE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE EXPELLEES ARRIVE AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN OUR ZONE WHICH MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE THE FULL FLOW. WILL YOU CONSIDER THE BEST

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WAY OF DEMONSTRATING THIS TO THEM.

7. BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EARLY COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE AND FOR PROVISION OF THE CONCRETE FACTS WHICH ESTABLISH YOUR CASE AND WHICH WE CAN USE IN SUPPORT.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: P.W & D.P.

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Ref: PWDP/59809/18.

PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

10th August, 1946.

Secretariat G.

SUBJECT: Operation "SWALLOW".

Reference (a) Brief submitted by Manpower Division on the suspension of Operation "SWALLOW".

(b) D.M.G.'s note on the above.

1. The figures in Manpower's Paper are correct, but a somewhat false interpretation has been put on them.

2. The facts are these :-

(a) Official figures for "Operation Swallow" towards the quota of 1,500,000 for the British Zone which was approved by the Control Council on 21st November, 1945, are to 27th. July, 1946 - 1,108,010.

(b) As at 1 June 1946 a count was taken by the Housing Officer which showed a total of 1,188,330 Germans had come into the British Zone from POLAND. After this date (1st June) and up to 27th July a further 469,456 Expellees were received from Poland through "Swallow" Transit Camps. This makes a grand total of 1,657,786 Germans from Poland who have entered the British Zone.

(c) The difference between the figures in (a) and (b) above is :-

Total of Housing Count + later entries
to date. 1,657,786

Total of "official" "Swallow" figures. 1,108,010

Difference 549,776

This number of 549,776 people entered the British Zone on dates which are quite unknown. Many, if not all of them may have entered before the date of the Control Council Agreement.

3. There are three reasons why we should not officially count these extra 549,776 against our "Swallow" quota.

(a) Our Agreement is regarded as referring to Germans who were in POLAND at the date of the signing - i.e. 21st November, 1945.

(b) A somewhat similar question was raised in the Directorate by the U.S. Representative. The Soviet reply was that the U.S.S.R. had within their Zone 3,000,000 German Refugees from Poland who came there before the start of operation of the "Swallow" Agreement.

(c) As a result of the production of such figures as those given by the Soviets on this and other occasions, the Chief of PW & DP Division has taken a most uncompromising

attitude in the Directorate regarding acceptance of figures which cannot be proved to the satisfaction of all four delegations.

We could have no proof that the 549,776 who have been found in the British Zone could legitimately come under the terms of operation "Swallow" and if we tried to force such figures through now, our whole platform for insistence on square dealing and truthful figures which can be verified will be undermined.

4. I therefore recommend that the question of stopping "Swallow" on the above grounds should NOT be taken up with the POLS. The fact, however, of the presence of these 549,776 extra Germans from Poland should be used as a further reason for bringing renewed and urgent pressure to bear on the Control Office to secure agreement to the proposal in AMUS 552 of the 13th July (which was repeated in letter AM/11102/3 Sec G of 2nd August, from D.C.O.S. (Pol) to Sir Gilmour Jenkins) that operation "Swallow" be stopped immediately.

GBVH/JAC.

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G.B. VAUGHAN-HUGHES, Lt. Col.
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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Secretariat,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element),
BERLIN. B.A.O.R.

10th August, 1946.

To: Chief,
PW & DP Division,
Headquarters, CCG(BE).

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SUBJECT: Operation "SWALLOW"

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a copy of a memorandum dated 8th August addressed to the Deputy Military Governor by the Chief of Manpower Division. The Deputy Military Governor has commented on this memorandum as follows:-

"This paper is of the highest importance.

If the information given in it is correct, we should immediately inform our Allies and the Police both in Berlin and through Governmental channels. Operation "SWALLOW" must be suspended immediately pending full examination of the facts".

2. You are requested to have this matter investigated as a matter of urgency, in conjunction with I.A. & C., Manpower and any other interested Divisions, and to submit your recommendations to the Deputy Military Governor as to action to be taken in the form of a staff memorandum as soon as possible.

3. If you are in disagreement with the statistics presented in the attached memorandum, the Deputy Military Governor should be informed without delay.

Henry Hollingworth
Secretariat. *S. Cowd*

Copies to:-

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APPENDIX 'A' TO AHQ/11102/3(Sec G)

dated 10 August 1946.

To: Deputy Military Governor

SUBJECT: Operation "Swallow"

HISTORICAL

1. At Potsdam it was agreed that the minorities in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland should be moved into the four Zones of Germany. At the twelfth meeting of the Allied Control Council (21 Nov 45) it was confirmed that the expulsion of these minorities should be carried out.

It was later decided in the FW & DP Directorate that the British Zone should receive 1,500,000 expellees from Poland, but that it would not receive any other expellees (e.g. from Austria, Czechoslovakia or Hungary).

PRESENT POSITION

2. (a) The actual movement of the 1,500,000 expellees from the British Zone was started under operation "Swallow" on 26th February, 1946.

The position as at 27th July, 1946, was as follows:-

Expellees officially received through Transit Camps	926,615
Expellees received through Transit Camps under "head for head" exchanges (e.g. "Honeybee" and "Wasp")	181,395
	<u>1,108,010</u>
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(b) The general composition of the influx by sexes is:-

Men	22.7 per cent.
Women	49.1 " "
Children	28.2 " "

The general composition of age groups is:-

14 - 50 years of age	43.2 per cent
Others	56.8 " "

Approximately half the men between 14 - 50 are fit for work or 10 per cent. of the total influx.

3. It was suspected that many more Germans had come into the British Zone from Poland and elsewhere unofficially and not through transit camps. A special count therefore was made as at 1st June, 1946, by the Housing Officers. The figures (excluding Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg, not yet available) are:-

Germans who before 8th May, 1945, had lived East of the Oder:-

Hannover Region	912,155
Westfalen "	181,717
North Rhine Region	<u>24,458</u>
	<u>1,118,330</u>

/Germans

Germans who before 8th May, 1945, had lived in Austria, Hungary or Czechoslovakia:-

Hannover Region	26,787
Westfalen "	18,788
North Rhine Region	<u>9,444</u>
	<u>55,019</u>

4. Between 1st June, 1946, and 27th July, 1946, 469,456 expellees were received from Poland through transit camps. Therefore, at 27th July, 1946, a total of at least 1,657,786 expellees (i.e., 1,188,330 plus 469,456) had entered the British Zone (excluding any unofficial entries into Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein, the figures of which are not yet available).

5. From these figures it is evident that by 27th July, 1946, the British Zone had already received more expellees from Poland than its agreed quota (although, according to transit camp figures, we were at that date still liable to receive a further 400,000).

6. The Housing position in the British Zone is already critical. The British Zone is the worst damaged and the worst overcrowded -

British Zone	sq. metres per person	6.5
U.S. Zone	" " " "	7.6
French Zone	" " " "	9.4
Russian Zone	" " " "	14.4

7. Housing Branch, Manpower Division, has had the task of controlling (by fixation of "saturation" limits) the overall distribution of the expellees and refugees to the most suitable areas. The Chief Housing Officers, however, of all regions are at one in expressing the view that the Zone as a whole is already full to bursting point. For example, special arrangements have been made with the U.S. Authorities to bring from Czechoslovakia to the Ruhr 12,500 miners and their families (totalling in all 50,000 persons), but the shortage of accommodation there is such that the housing of these people, despite the strenuous efforts being made, seems at present impossible of achievement.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES:

Although the responsibility for the distribution of the expellees and refugees and also their transport to appropriate destination stations rests on the Occupying Authorities, it is the German housing authorities who, in pursuance of Control Council Law No. 18 (Housing Law), bear the responsibility for, and have the actual task of housing these people. All German officials engaged on this work express the greatest anxiety about the present state of affairs. The living conditions in the Zone are undoubtedly the breeding ground of disease and unrest and will be worse this winter than last, even if no further influx occurs.

CONCLUSION

9. Having regard to the above, it is RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) Renewed and urgent pressure be brought to bear on the Control Office to secure agreement to the proposal in ARGUS 552 of the 13th July (which was repeated in letter AHQ/11102/3 Sec.G of 2nd August, from D.C.O.S.(Pol.) to Sir Gilmour Jenkins) that operation "swallow" be stopped immediately; or
- (b) if (a) should prove impossible the operation be discontinued until after the general census of population has taken place and the exact position in the Zone has become apparent.

(Sgd) R.W. LUCE
Chief,
Manpower Division

8th August, 1946.

Concurrence: FW & DP Division.

TO: D.M.G.

SUBJECT: Operation "Swallow".

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Westfalen "	181,717
North Rhine Region	<u>94,458</u>
	<u>1,188,330</u>

Germans who before 8th May, 1945, had lived in Austria, Hungary or Czechoslovakia:-

Hannover Region	26,787
Westfalen "	18,788
North Rhine Region	<u>9,444</u>
	<u>55,019</u>

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4. Between 1st June, 1946, and 27th July, 1946, 469,456 expellees were received from Poland through transit camps. Therefore, at 27th July, 1946, a total of at least 1,657,786 expellees (i.e., 1,188,330 plus 469,456) had entered the British Zone (excluding any unofficial entries into Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein, the figures of which are not yet available).

5. From these figures it is evident that by 27th July, 1946, the British Zone had already received more expellees from Poland than its agreed quota (although, according to transit camp figures, we were at that date still liable to receive a further 400,000).

6. The Housing position in the British Zone is already critical. The British Zone is the worst damaged and the worst overcrowded -

British Zone	sq. metres per person	6.5.
U.S. Zone	" " " "	7.6.
French Zone	" " " "	9.4.
Russian Zone	" " " "	14.4.

7. Housing Branch, Manpower Division, has had the task of controlling (by fixation of "saturation" limits) the overall distribution of the expellees and refugees to the most suitable areas. The Chief Housing Officers, however, of all regions are at one in expressing the view that the Zone as a whole is already full to bursting point. For example, special arrangements have been made with the U.S. Authorities to bring from Czechoslovakia to the Rhur 12,500 miners and their families (totalling in all 50,000 persons), but the shortage of accommodation there is such that the housing of these people, despite the strenuous efforts being made, seems at present impossible of achievement.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES:

Although the responsibility for the distribution of the expellees and refugees and also their transport to appropriate destination stations rests on the Occupying Authorities, it is the German Housing authorities who, in pursuance of Control Council Law No.18 (Housing Law), bear the responsibility for, and have the actual task of housing these people. All German officials engaged on this work express the greatest anxiety about the present state of affairs. The living conditions in the Zone are undoubtedly the breeding ground of disease and unrest and will be worse this winter than last, even if no further influx occurs.

CONCLUSION

9. Having regard to the above, it is RECOMMENDED that:

(a) Renewed and urgent pressure be brought to bear on the Control Office to secure agreement to the proposal in ARGUS 552 of the 13th July (which was repeated in letter AHQ/11102/3 Sec.G of 2nd August, from D.C.O.S.(Pol.) to Sir Gilmour Jenkins) that operation "Swallow" be stopped immediately.

(b) if (a) should prove impossible the operation be discontinued until after the general census of population has taken place and the exact position in the Zone has become apparent.

8th August, 1946.

Chief,
Manpower Division.

Concurrence: PW & DP Division.

Ext: LEMGO 604

PW & DP DIVISION,
Zonal Executive Offices,
CCG, LEMGO,
66 HQ, CCG,
BAOR

Ref: PWDP/58326/Sec

8 August 46

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To: PW & DP Division, Main HQ,
Control Commission for Germany (BE)
BERLIN.

PWDP for CRX BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT:- Operation "SWALLOW"

Reference your signal BGCC 11049 of 2 August, 46.

1. The Polish Minister Mons. YAROSHEK was interviewed by the Chief on 6 August 46. Enclosed please find a memo from D/Chief ZECO giving details and decisions reached.
2. The Liaison Teams at STETTIN and KOHLFURT must be informed immediately not to accept any expellees from Institutes, Asylums, Orphans or bedridden persons, and NON GERMAN nationals. It will be necessary to be extremely firm over this.

3/ See our PWDP/58326/Sec of 8 Aug 46

M Jones Maj
A.K.JONES, Major,
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

AKJ/CG

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M E M O

Chief took this conference himself on 6th with no other officer of the Division present.
He later told me:-

- (a) That they had been reasonable.
- (b) That they had admitted that the Russian Zone had received very few of their quota. |||
- (c) That they would give figures of Russian receipts to our Mission in WARSAW. |||
- (d) On being told that we were not prepared to take any more sick at all they asked if we would take:-
 - (1) a train now ready in KOHLFURT but refused by our team there;
 - (2) A maximum of 700 weekly in one train per week.

Chief referred request to DCOS (Exec) who after consultation with DCOS (Exec) and with General ERSKINE said "No" at 1900 hours on 6th.

This refusal was telephoned by me to A.L.M. this morning for transmission to Poles.

Copy of this note should go to BERLIN ref their signal (79A). Liaison teams should be instructed once more to accept NO train loads of lunatics, TBs or any other sort of sick or incapable.

R.M. Jerram
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R.M. JERRAM, Colonel,
Secretariat, PW & DP Division.

8 Aug 46

D/Chief (Pol) CRX.
PW & DP Division BERLIN. ✓

RMJ/JPP

Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

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IMMEDIATE

IYB 25835

DTO AUG 081730 B

TOR 091250 B

FROM: IWDP LEMGO

TO: CRX BERLIN
PWDP HANREG HANNOVER
PWDP STEINREG KIEL

INFO: SECRETARIAT LUBBECKE
I.A. AND C. DIV (WELFARE SECT) BUNDE
I.A. AND C. DIV (PUBLIC HEALTH SECT) BUNDE.
PWDP BERLIN

See 7194

PWDP/58326/ SEC. 8 AUGUST 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

FURTHER TO OUR CCG 75229 (PWDP SECT) DATED 13 JULY 46, INFORM

LLIAISON TEAMS AGAIN, THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THEY

ACCEPT FOR THE BRITISH ZONE ANY EXPELLEES FROM INSTITUTES ASYLUMS,

ORPHANS OR BEDRIDDEN PERSONS AND NONGERMAN NATIONALS. REFUSALS

WILL BE OUTRIGHT AND FINAL.

THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN INFORMED. LLIAISON TEAMS WILL

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE TREAT AS MOST URGENT.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

See also
7201

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Action. CRX (DR) (5)

Info: Secretariat (4)
Allied Liaison & Protocol Section.
I.A. & C. Div. (2)
PW & DP Div.
M & MC (3)

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IMPORTANT

OYB 11606

DTO AUG 031200

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB
EXFOR FOR TD(MOV)

See 4197

BGCC NO. 11124. FROM COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO. 1143.

3 AUG 46.

SUBJECT: SWALLOW.

YOUR CCG/75343(PWDEQ) DATED 24 JULY.

See Also

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1. REVISED ROUTING HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH SOVIET AND POLISH AUTHORITIES.
2. THEY OBJECT TO DIVERSION OF TRAIN ON NORTHERN ROUTE FROM LUBECK TO UELZEN ON GROUNDS OF EXTENDED TURNROUND ESTIMATED 18 TO 24 HOURS. THEY REQUEST THAT BRITISH ZONE LOCOMOTIVES TAKE OVER THE TRAINS FOR THE SECTION IN BRITISH ZONE. THE QUESTION OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ROLLING STOCK TO MAINTAIN THE TRAFFIC IS BEING CONSIDERED.
3. WE SUGGESTED USING A MORE DIRECT LINE FROM STETTIN TO UELZEN, VIA SALZWEDEL, BUT SOVIETS STATE THERE IS NOT THE CAPACITY FOR THIS AND CAN ONLY CONTINUE ROUTING TRAINS TO LUBECK.

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M & M C (3)

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IYD 25418

DTO AUG 021230B

TOR 050848D

FROM: CONCOMB

TO: PWDP BERLIN

INFO: CONCOMB
BERCOMB



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CCG/75458 (PWDP/SEC) 2 AUG 46.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM
POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1500,000.

REFERENCE BGCC 6327 OF 16 MARCH 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 27 JULY 1399.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 27 JULY 181,395.

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Political Div (3)
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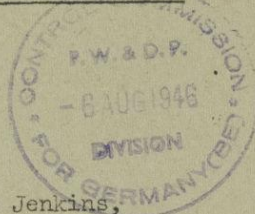
TOP SECRET

From: Major General G.W.E.J. ERSKINE, C.B., D.S.O.

Ext. 86-5301

Office of the Deputy Military Governor,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany
(British Element),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

AHQ/11102/3(Sec G)



2 August, 1946.

See 7178

Dear Jenkins,

On 13 July 1946 we sent you a cable on the subject of suspending Operation 'SWALLOW' (reference ARGUS 552).

Operation 'SWALLOW', as you know, is the movement of German refugees from that part of Germany administered by Poland. We made certain arrangements with the Russians under which our obligation was to accept a proportion of 3/7ths of these refugees, amounting to an estimated total of a million and a half. Up to now we have received, by means of this scheme, approximately 850,000 people. We do not know exactly how many the Russians have received but we have a shrewd suspicion that their figure is very much lower - in fact, until recently we believe that they have accepted none.

The Americans and the French are not really concerned with this problem because when the bargain was made they undertook to accept the Germans who were being removed from Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

I expect you know the arguments for suspending Operation 'SWALLOW.' Briefly, they are that our Zone is now becoming so congested that we do not consider it is a feasible proposition to continue the Operation. Housing is very short. Food is very short, and the type of refugee which has been arriving is of little or no practical value as a worker in the British Zone. Only about 10% have been young men who are fit to work. This is causing grievous troubles and unless something is done soon the position will become impossible right through the British Zone.

We have already been compelled to slow down the movement from 8,000 to 5,000 a day. We have informed the Poles that we are doing this and we have received a protest from the Polish Military Mission in BERLIN. However the slowing-down procedure has become effective.

In addition to the troubles I have mentioned above, a new one has now come to light. Jews from POLAND and RUSSIA, who are neither Displaced Persons nor refugees from that part of GERMANY now administered by the Poles, have worked their way into 'SWALLOW' trains and thus into the British Zone to HOHNE Camp. We think that this movement has been facilitated by Jews in the UNRRA Organization and Jewish Relief Organizations. These new arrivals have got forged papers.

This creates an extremely embarrassing situation. I

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have a report in front of me now, showing that recently nearly 2,000 such people have reached HOHNE Camp. They are in no sense entitled to Displaced Person privileges and they have come here willingly.

It is extremely difficult to go through the Camp, when it is the size of HOHNE Camp, and turn out these unauthorised visitors. In the first place they are extremely hard to find. In addition the operation could only be done by use of military force, and when you have got those who have entered illegally either you have to cast them into prison or turn them loose in the German population. If we do the former we shall lay ourselves open to all kinds of criticism and if we do the latter these people will certainly come straight back into HOHNE Camp, which is perfectly open and free for everybody to enter or leave.

We therefore think that the only way to stop this Jewish movement, which is becoming increasingly large in scale, is to close down Operation 'SWALLOW'. We are in any case most anxious to do this for the reasons we have already stated in ARGUS 552.

General ROBERTSON is at present on tour and asked me to write to you to obtain as early a decision as possible on our request to close this Operation.

(Sgd) G.W.E.J. ERSKINE

Permanent Secretary,
Control Office for Germany & Austria,
Norfolk House,
St. James's Square,
London, S.W.1.

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File AHQ/11102/9.

Zonal Executive Offices, CCG (BE)

PA to DCOS (Exec)
PA to ACOS (Exec)
PW & DP Division
Political Division
Legal Division
Manpower Division
Secretariat (Sec G) (2)

Tel: 86-5190
Ref: PWDF/59809/18

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PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
Berlin, B.A.O.R.

6th August, 1946.

Dear

1. We have had a complaint from Ford at C.R.X. that Concomb is sending signals with instructions to British Liaison Teams at KOHLFURT and STETTIN on subjects which should first be handled by C.R.X.

2. Examples are:-

- (1) CONCOMB signal CCG 7534X(PWDFQ) of 24th July to HQ REGIONS, directing that HANNING and STEINBERG would inform Liaison Teams immediately of firm arrangements made to reduce and re-route SWALLOW rail traffic from Poland to our Zone. The result was that the instruction to the O.C. at KOHLFURT, for example, went out as a message from the local (R) DET at GRASLEBEN, with no indication of Berlin approval. On request, CRX later obtained a repeat copy from the O.C. at Graslleben.

- (11) Message of unknown date from 709(R) DET MIL GOV GRASLEBEN, to O.C. KOHLFURT TEAM. Our repeat copy specially requested later, dated 26th July, reads:-

"Operation SWALLOW. Under no circumstances will we accept to British Zone any expellees from Institute Asylums Orphans or bedridden persons. None German Jews are also included in the above. Your refusals must be outright firm and frank humanity must not enter into the question. The above is for your information. Ask."

3. Ford came to see Thicknesse about this and the latter was going to write to you but he has gone on leave. There are a good many matters which must be dealt with through C.R.X. or have C.R.X.'s concurrence first. Otherwise we shall get into an awful tangle with our allied comrades. I think that, on the whole, the matters which should go through C.R.X. are fairly clear and include of course all questions of movement. The stopping of trains without co-ordination through C.R.X. would inevitably lead to confusion.

4. Would you very kindly look into this and give any orders which you may think necessary.

JBW

Lt. Col. J.M. JERRAM,
PW & DP Division,
66 HQ, Zonal Executive Offices,
C. C. for G.
B.A.O.R.

Copy sent to Major Ford.

Tel: 86 - 5942

Ref: PWDF/59809/18

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PW & IP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

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August, 1946.

To: D.C.O.S. (Pol).

Subject: Operation "SWALLOW".

You were asking for some figures about SWALLOW.

Q.1 What was the percentage of the GERMANS from POLAND that we were to accept?

A.1

BRITISH	3/7	-	1,500,000
RUSSIAN	4/7	-	2,000,000

Q.2 How many have we accepted so far?

A.2 868,000 (20 Jul 46) +

Q.3 Is it true that the RUSSIANS had until recently accepted none of their quota?

A.3 Probably. They have made two contradictory statements:

(a) That they had taken none up to March

and, subsequently,

(b) That they had taken 600,000 up to March

They now adhere to the latter statement, but we have some evidence to show that the former statement was true. They now say that their total intake is 800,000. We think this improbably, but not impossible. It would not be possible for us to have moved that figure between March and July because we use trains which couldn't have carried that load. It is quite possible that the POLISH/RUSSIAN transfers were on foot.

RNT/ATW.

R.N. THICKNESSE,
Col.
D/Chief, PW & IP Div.

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OYB 11559
DTO AUG 022130

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MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: BERCOMB.

TO: CCNCOMB FOR PW/DP DIV.
LEMGO.

INFO: EXFOR FOR ALLIED LIAISON SECTION.

BGCC 11079 FROM CRX NO 1146 2 AUG 1946.

FOR CHIEF FROM FORD.

SUBJECT "SWALLOW". EXPELLEES OF INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY.

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1. RECEIVED VISIT TODAY BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FROM WARSAW NAMED YAROSHEK, WHO IS STATIONED AT BRESLAU TO CONTROL ENTIRE EXPELLEE MOVEMENT FROM POLAND, TO BRITISH AND SOVIET ZONES. ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY CHIEF, POLISH MISSION BERLIN, AND COMMANDER KOMARSKI REPRESENTATIVE CRX. RUSSIANS IN OFFICE AT TIME, AND ATTENDED.

2. AS RESULT OF OUR RECENT FORMAL INTIMATION THAT 14 DAYS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BEFORE ACCEPTANCE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, FOR SPECIAL TRAINS OF SICK INSANE, ETC. THE POLES ARE ANXIOUS TO DRAW UP AN AGREED PLAN FOR MOVEMENT OF AMBULANCE TYPE TRAINS CONVEYING.

(a) GERMANS FROM KOHLFURT TO HELMSTEDT, AND STETTIN TO LUBECK.

(b) SICK POLISH NATIONALS ON RETURN JOURNEY.

3. THE QUOTED TOTAL NUMBER APPROX. 10,500 BROKEN DOWN, THUS:- HOSPITAL PATIENTS 2,000 (OF WHICH 1,000 ESTIMATED TB), ORPHANS 5,00 AGED 3,000, LUNATICS 460.

4. CAPACITY OF TRAINS 700/800 THEREFORE MEANS ABOUT 25 TRAINLOADS.

5. THERE IS ALSO A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF INFIRM PEOPLE WHOM THEY DO NOT CONSIDER HOSPITAL CASES, AS THEY ARE LOOKED AFTER IN THEIR HOMES. HE PROPOSES MOVE THESE IN AMBULANCE TRAINS AND TO AVOID SPLITTING FAMILIES, TRAINS WILL BE HALF LOADED WITH ACCOMPANYING FAMILIES.

6. ANSWER TO QUESTION WHETHER SOVIET ZONE WAS ACCEPTING A QUOTA, WAS YES. THE LIMIT THEY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH US AT THIS TIME, IS 10 TRAINLOADS

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WITHIN THE NEXT 8 WEEKS I.E. PROPOSAL IS TO FIX TIMETABLE BY CATEGORIES FOR A TRAIN APPROX EVERY 5 DAYS. DESIRE TO MOVE 2,000 SICK FIRST.

7. WE RECENTLY GAVE CLEARANCE FOR 700 TB CASES TO BE ACCEPTED AT HELMSTEDT ON JULY 25. THEY CLAIM THAT BOOTHBY AT KOHLFURT, HAD NOT RECEIVED THIS INSTRUCTION, AND WOULD ONLY ALLOW FIT PERSONS TO ENTRAIN AND PROCEED THEREFORE THEY REQUEST TO START MOVEMENT IMMEDIATELY WITH THE 700 TB CASES FOR WHOM AUTHORITY ALREADY GIVEN. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE CHECK THIS COMPLAINT IN THE TIME.

8. I WAS NON-COMMITTAL IN DISCUSSION, BEARING IN MIND, AND POINTING OUT WHERE APPLICABLE THE PRESENT DAY SITUATION IN OUR ZONE AND THE EFFECT OF "SWALLOW" ALREADY. YET VERY AWARE OF OUR IMPLIED OBLIGATION RESPECTING INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORIES IN THE ORIGINAL ANGLO-POLISH AGREEMENT. IN VIEW OF THIS AND EMPHATIC PURPOSE OF M. YARDSHEK TO TAKE BACK SUCH A PLAN, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE DETAILED DISCUSSION, AT ZONAL HQ, AND OF DESIRE TO MEET YOU IS POSSIBLE, I HAVE FALLEN IN WITH SUGGESTION FOR HIM TO VISIT THE ZONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES. THE 3 NAMED ABOVE, ARE ARRANGING TO TRAVEL BY ROAD AND REPORT TO ALLIED LIAISON SECTION TOMORROW 3 AUG. REQUEST OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION IN TIME TO RETURN TO BERLIN ON 6 AUG.

9. I HAVE CONSULTED COLONEL THICKNESSE WHO CONSIDERS THIS PROCEDURE POLITIC IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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Combined Repatriation Executive,
120 Allied Control Authority Building,
HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE)
BERLIN,
B.A.O.R.

1st August 1946

(211) 809/18

CRX/5.715/1117

To: HQ PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for Germany (BE)
Lancaster House,
BERLIN.

See 7197

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Reference conversation Col. THICKNESSE/Major Ford.

1. Instances have occurred recently when instructions which basically affect the terms of the Anglo/Polish Agreement for the above move have been passed direct from Zonal Executive Offices, LEMGO to British Liaison Teams at KOHLFURT and STETTIN, without reference to any previous co-ordination with CRX Berlin. In fact, there may not have been co-ordination with or by CRX.

2. Examples are :-

(i) CONCOMB signal CCG 75343 (PWDPQ) of 24th July to HQ REGIONS, directing that HANREG and STEINREG would inform Liaison Teams immediately of firm arrangements made to reduce and re-route SWALLOW rail traffic from Poland to our Zone. The result was that the instruction to the O.C. at KOHLFURT, for example, went out as a message from the local (R) DET at GRASLEBEN, with no indication of Berlin approval. On request, CRX later obtained a repeat copy from the O.C. at Grasleben.

(ii) Message of unknown date from 709(R) DET MIL GOV GRASLEBEN, to O.C. KOHLFURT TEAM. Our repeat copy specially requested later, dated 26th July, reads:-

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"Operation SWALLOW. Under no circumstances will we accept to British Zone any expellees from Institute Asylums Orphans or bedridden persons. None German Jews are also included in the above. Your refusals must be outright firm and frank humanity must not enter into the question. The above is for your information. Ack."

Such a message should never have been passed to this MIL GOV formation for relaying except as result of original instructions from Berlin.

3. While not in any way wishing to interfere with the full authority of the Zonal Executive Offices for movement

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within the Zone, it is nevertheless essential that ^{negotiation} for movement from and to Poland be co-ordinated in Berlin, involving as it must the Polish and Russian representatives in CRX. Notification to the teams in Kohlfurt and Stettin of changes and developments in the movement plan can only come from CRX, after or during the appraisal of all parties affected here.

Confusion to our Os.C. Teams and embarrassment to the British Authorities generally is otherwise liable to result.

4. May ZECO please be requested to deal with Teams through CRX, except in emergency, when direct messages must indicate "co-ordinated CRX" (possible by phone).

5. Signal in 2(ii) above conflicts with your letter to CRX, PWDP/59809/20 of 25th July.

E.A.L. Ford
E.A.L. FORD, Major,
for Lt.Col., C.R.X.

*See 4 217
PWDP 59809/20.*

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Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

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FROM: BERCOMB

OYB 11395
DTG JUL 30 1400BTO: BERCOMB FOR PW/DP
TPT, ARMY DIVS.

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BGCC NO 10873 FROM COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO
1134. 30 JUL 46. 709/SW/103/13 OF 26 JULY IS REPEAT OF A MESSAGE
FROM 709(R) DET MIL GOV TO BRITISH LIAISON TEAM ECHLFURT.

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IMPORTANT

FROM: CONCOMB

TO: BERCOMB

IYB 24762
DTG JUL 301030
TOR 311300

CCG 81395. (INTR/62048/15/2/PH)

FROM PUBLIC HEALTH WELFARE FOR OFFICE OF DIG BERLIN.

SUBJECT OVERCROWDING BY REFUGEES IN SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN
REGION.THIS HQ HAS NO COMMENTS, APART FROM CONFIRMING THAT
OPERATION "SWALLOW" SHOULD CEASE IMMEDIATELY.DISTRIBUTIONACTION: CRX (Br) (5)INFO: Transport Div (2)
I.A. & C. Div (2)
PW & DP Div
M & M.C. (3)

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HQ PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BERLIN, BAOR.

30th July, 1946.

To: PW & DP Division,
66 HQ,
Zonal Executive Offices,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BAOR.

SUBJECT: Suspension of Operation "SWALLOW"

1. We have heard that the matter is being considered in London. It is likely that the chief reasons on which the grounds for suspending the operation will be fought will be economical ones.
2. Will you therefore be prepared with the appropriate Divisions in the Zone to give figures urgently, if required, on housing, food and consumer goods; also any other economic factors which may affect the issue.

GBVH/JS

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R.N. THICKNESS, Col.
D/Chief, PW & DP Division

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FEDERAL GOV. 946
DIVISION
MANY (CE)

IYB 24523
 DTO JUL 290930B
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Vol. I

FOLLOWING MSGE RECEIVED FROM STETTIN FOR RELAY TO YOU.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: CRX(Br) (5)

INFO: CTSB (2)
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Outgoing Unclassified MessageIMPORTANT:

FROM: DERCOMB
TO: CONCOMB FOR PW/DP DIV.



OYD 11188
DTG JUL 261000

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BGCC NO 10679 COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO 1127. SUBJECT IS STATISTICS OPERATION SWALLOW.

1. THERE ARE CONTINUOUS DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN FIGURES HELD BY BRITISH POLISH AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES SHOWING PROGRESS OF THIS EXPULSION WHICH NECESSITATES FREQUENT DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN BERLIN.
2. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE RECENTLY TO OBTAIN QUICKLY FROM YOU FIGURES SHOWING THE INTAKE ON A DAILY BASIS, WHICH WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH BY THE OTHER PARTIES. IT IS LEARNT THAT BRITISH RETURNS ARE NOW ONLY REMITTED WEEKLY BY THE REGIONS SINCE 6 JUL.
3. IN ORDER TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT HERE, AND READILY SUPPORT OUR ARGUMENTS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT UP TO DATE DAILY INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION.
4. IN RESPECT OF THIS IMPORTANT MOVE ONLY IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE FORMER BASIS OF RECORD KEEPING BE IMMEDIATELY RECONSIDERED. IT WILL BE APPRECIATED THAT IT IS CONFUSING TO ALL CONCERNED, ALSO DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF TELEPHONE REASONS FOR THIS OFFICE TO MAKE A PRACTICE OF CALLING UPON REGIONS DIRECT FOR FIGURES.

DISTRIBUTION:

CRX(Br) (5)

Army Div
Transport Div (2)
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HQ PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BERLIN, BAOR.

27th July, 1946.

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To: Major FORD,
British Member,
CRX.

Attached correspondence is forwarded to you for action you may think necessary.

It is not clear to us from the rather hasty English translation which has been obtained as to whether the Germans concerned are genuine "SWALLOWS" or not.

AWW/JS

R.N. THICKNESS, Col.
D/Chief, PW & DP Division

Tel. 86-5190

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HQ PW & DP Division, *202*
Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BERLIN, BAOR.

27th July, 1946.

To: PW & DP Division,
66 HQ,
Zonal Executive Offices,
Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BAOR.

31 in file 809/1

200.

SUBJECT: Movement "SWALLOW"

1. Attached is a copy of letter received from CRX.
2. QUPEE 99, para. 2, was given from Zone and agreed by Chief.
3. Perhaps you will answer CRX after consultation with Chief.

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gbdh
R.N. THICKNESS, Col.
D/Chief, PW & DP Div.

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FROM: 709 (R) DET MIL GOV

IYB 24256

TO: CRX ADV HQ BERLIN WATER FORL

DTC JULY 261130 B

TOR 261745 B

709/SW/103/13. 26 JUL 46.

REF CGG 75/229.

OPERATION "SWALLOW".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE ACCEPT TO BRITISH ZONE ANY EXPELLEES
FROM INSTITUTE ASYLUMS, ORPHANS OR BEDRIDDEN PERSONS. GERMAN JEWS
ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE. YOUR REFUSALS MUST BE OUTRIGHT,
FIRM AND FRANK(.) HUMANITY MUST NOT ENTER INTO THE QUESTION (.)
THE ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION. ACK.

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ACTION: CRX(BR) (5)
ARMY DIV
TRANSPORT DIV (2)
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M & M.C (3)

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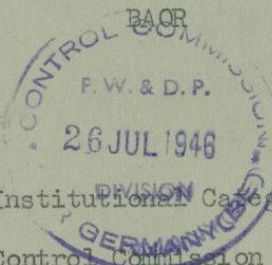
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C.R.X.
(Combined Repatriation Executive)
120 Allied Control Authority Building
BERLIN
APO 742 or

BAOR

CRX/5.715/1156



26th July, 1946.

SUBJECT: Movement Swallow - Expellees of Institutional Category.

TO : PW & DP Division, Headquarters, Control Commission for Germany (BE), Berlin, B.A.O.R.

See 731 in file 809/1.

See 202

QUEEE 99 of 24th July to CONFOLK does not seem to accord with para.11. of the Anglo-Polish Agreement of 14th February, 1946, which reads:-

"11. MEDICAL AND WELFARE

(a) First shipment will be confined to expellees in good health and none will be moved initially who would require hospitalisation immediately after arrival in the British Zone. Polish authorities will give to C.R.X. as much detail of hospital cases as possible. C.R.X. will at once ascertain from British Zone date they can be accepted. The same applies to orphans and to inmates of mental asylums and prisons."

In view of our daily discussions with the Polish Representative, C.R.X., will you please say what line we should take up as regards inmates of mental asylums and prisons.

In this connection, the Vatican has offered a papal ambulance train to assist in the evacuation of sick from Poland, which we are at present investigating under your instructions.

E. A. L. Ford
Major.
E. A. L. FORD,
Major, C.R.X.

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COMMISSION

TOR 252105

I A AND C DIV 30 CORPS DISTRICT.

25 JULY 46.

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Polish Military Mission to
Control Council for Germany

Польская Военная Миссия при
Контрольном Совете в Германии

Mission Militaire Polonaise auprès du
Conseil de Contrôle en Allemagne

TELEFON: 32 30 66, 32 06 26 / BERLIN W 15, SCHLÜTERSTRASSE 42

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Berlin, July 24th, 1946

To the Chief of
P.W. and D.P. Division
Control Commission for Germany

B e r l i n

Ref.: DW.DP./59809/18

In the agreement of 5 January between you and the representative of the Polish Government Minister Wołski the flow of Germans transferred from Poland to the British Zone in Germany was established for 8000 persons daily. This figure was confirmed in the agreement between the British and Polish representatives with C.R.X.

The cancelling of the sea route via Luebeck practically diminished this number and now your information that from the 26th July the British Authorities reduce it even more appears to be an one sided regulation. The above mentioned agreement is a mutual one and any eventual alterations may be done by mutual understanding only.

Consequently we cannot agree with any such alterations done by the British Authorities only.

However, appreciating the difficulties which the British Authorities have in locating Germans, we are treating the information about reducing the number of Germans from 8000 to 5000 as a proposal for the agreement to be altered and as such we forward it to adequate branches of our Government. We shall not fail to inform you about the result as soon as it will be known to us.

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(Dr. J. Prawin-Col.)
Polish Military Mission
Chief

Copy sent C.C. 25/7 - 189

Dr. (P.) has with
letter to Col. Prawin with
subject

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MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: CONCOMB

TO: HANREG, WESTREG, RHINREG - STEINREG,

INFO: EXFOR -TD MOVE
BERCCMB
CONCOMB MANPOWER(HOUSING DR)
IC AND C DIV 30 CORPS DIST

IYB 23975
DTG JULY 241250B
TOR 241545D



See also
7199
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COG 75343(FWDPQ) 24 JULY 46.

CP"SWALLOW".

1. WEF 26 JULY INTAKE WILL BE REDUCED TO 2 TRAINS DAILY AT HELMSTEDT, 1 TRAIN DAILY AT LUBECK.
2. TRAINS ENTERING AT HELMSTEDT WILL BE ROUTED TO MARIETHAL FOR DISPERSAL. TRAIN ENTERING AT LUBECK WILL BE ROUTED VIA CUCKNITZ TO UELZEN FOR DISPERSAL.
3. STEINREG WILL ARRANGE WITH REGION MOV REP TO HALT UELZEN TRAIN AT CUCKNITZ FOR 2 HOURS TO ENABLE REFUGEES TO BE MED AT POPPENDROF CAMP.
4. HANREG WILL ENSURE THAT UELZEN TRAIN IS RETURNED TO LUBECK AFTER DETRAINING AND STEINREG WILL THEN RETURN IN NORMAL WAY TO STETTIN.
5. DISPERSAL EX HANREG WILL BE AS FOLLOWS WEF 28 JULY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WEEKLY HANREG 10 TRAINS, WESTREG 6 TRAINS, RHINREG 6 TRAINS.
6. HANREG AND STEINREG WILL INFORM ALLISON TELMS IMMEDIATELY. ALL OK.

DISTRIBUTION:

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
 HEADQUARTERS
 CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

FROM: BERCOMB

OYB 10979

TO: CONCOMB

DTO JUL 22 1215B

See 7194

BGCC NO. 10479 COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO 1113. 22 JUL 46.

YOUR COG 75229 (PW/DP SECTION) DATED 13 JUL 46 - ACKNOWLEDGED.

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FROM: CONCOMB

IYB 23695

TO: BERCOMB

DTO JUL 190930B

TOR 211245B

CCG 75287 (PWDP SEC) 19 JULY 46.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE
OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 150,000,
REFERENCE BGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 13 JULY
2699. GRAND TOTAL TO 13 JULY 178,674.

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ACTION: CRX(BR) (5)

INFO: Transport Div. (2)
PW & DP Div (2)
M & MC (3)

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IYB 23621

FROM: CONCOMB

DTG JUL 191130B

TO: STEINREG, CRX HANREG

TOR 001755B

INFO: WESTREG
BERCOMB
RHINREG
HAMBURG

See also
4201.
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CCG 75229 (FW DP SECTION) 13 JULY 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

INFORM LIAISON TEAMS AT STETTIN AND KOHLFURT
THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THEY TO ACCEPT FOR THE
BRITISH ZONE ANY EXPELLEES FROM INSTITUTIONS, BEDRIDDEN
INMATES, PARTIES OF LUNATICS, ORPHANS ETC., NON GERMAN
JEWS.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO BE EXTREMELY FIRM OVER
THIS.

ACK.

Acknowledged
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FROM: 709 (R) MIL GOV DET
TO: CRX ADV HQ BERLIN
INFO: 229 HQ MIL GOV HANNOVER REGION



LYB 23584
DTG JULY 191850B
TOR 200910B

709/SW/103/2. 19 JUL 46.

OPERATION SWALLOW.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM NO 1 BRIT LIAISON TEAM KOHLFURT RECEIVED
FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION.

WE ARE INFORMED BY RLY AUTHORITIES KOHLFURT AND SAGEN THAT THE FOURTH
TRAIN TODAY WILL BE ROUTED THROUGH FORST, AND THAT OTHER TRAINS MAY FOLLOW THAT
ROUTE, THIS BEING START OF EVACUATION INTO RUSSIAN ZONE.

WE ARE TOLD THAT PROGRAMME OF 4 TRAINS PER DAY MAY NOT BE ADHERED
TO FOR THIS REASON.

ORDER FROM BRESLAU.

HAVE INFORMED POLISH AUTHORITIES EMPHATICALLY THAT 4 TRAIN PROGRAMME
MUST BE ADHERED TO, OR WE CANNOT GUARANTEE REACTION FROM BRIT ZONE.

ACTION AND ORDER PLEASE.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: CRX(Dr) (5)
INFO: Army Div
Political Div (3)
PW & DP Div ✓
Manpower Div
M & MC (3)

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 (Combined Repatriation Executive)
 Allied Control Authority Building
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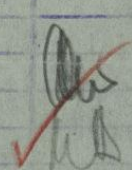
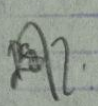
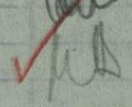
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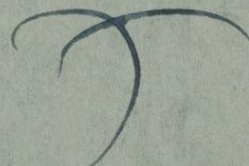
18th July, 1946.

SUBJECT: Removal of Allied Military Currency from Germans leaving Poland.

TO : Polish Representative, C.R.X.

With reference to yours of 26th June, 1946. It is observed that Allied Marks may not be removed from Poland but, in view of the fact that Allied Marks have in some instances evidently been paid by the Soviet Authorities to Germans, we shall be glad to have your assurances that facilities will be given for Germans to change their Allied Marks into Reich Marks if necessary, to enable them to take with them the 1,000 Marks per head as agreed.

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E. A. L. Ford,
 Major, C.R.X.

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Copy to: Lt. Col. B. I. James,
 229 (P) Det. Mil. Gov.
 Harnover.

PW & DP Division, ✓
 Headquarters,
 Control Commission for Germany (B),
 Berlin, B.A.O.R.

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Berlin 26th June, 1946.

To
British Representative,
C.R.X.
Berlin.

Further to your letter of 29 of May subject: removal of currency by Germans from Poland to the British Occupation zone in Germany.

The Polish Exchange Commission in Warsaw agreed for the German repatriates to take with them 1000 RM per head, as it was requested by the Polish Military Mission in Berlin.

The Allied Marks, as not being the official currency in Poland, are not to be removed.

The authorities concerned in Stettin and Kohlfurt will be informed about the above instructions.

T. Konarski, Comm.
Polish Representative, C.R.X.



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Office of the Deputy Military Governor,
Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element),
BERLIN, BAOR

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D.M.G. approval of action proposed
in You. 59809/18.

Chief. D. Kinn

Major General
D.C.O.S. (P).

12 July.

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I will take myself
to A. Kinn
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Telephone 86 - 5341

PW & DP Division,

Advanced Headquarters,

Our Reference:
PWDP/59809/18

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY,
(BRITISH ELEMENT),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

Subject: Operation "SWALLOW"

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1. The Authorities in the British Zone report urgently that the task of dispersing and housing the GERMANS being transferred from POLAND at the present rate of receipt, is proving too difficult. In many areas saturation point has been reached, and now train loads have to be broken up into smaller parties and sent to several different destinations. Congestion at the transfer points is resulting.

I have to give notice therefore, that circumstances necessitate the reduction of the daily flow from 8,000 to 5,000.

The alteration in the rate of flow will commence on July 26th. and I have given orders to my representative with C.R.X. to make the necessary arrangements. I would ask you to give similar instructions to the POLISH Authorities concerned.

2. I would point out that the percentage of fit working men has not risen as we were given to expect it would. Numbers of unaccompanied children and inmates from Sanatoria are arriving and it is impossible to move and place such people in bulk where they can maintain themselves by work. This has materially added to our difficulties.

Signed: A.G.KENCHINGTON.

A.G.KENCHINGTON,
Brigadier.
Chief, PW & DP Division.

The Chief of the POLISH Military Mission,
c/o Allied Liaison & Protocol Section,
A.C.A. Building, BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

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Political Division
Transport Division
Manpower Division
Intelligence Division
I & A Division
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General Executive Officer
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FROM: CONCOMB

IYB 23378

TO: HANREG
STEINREG

DTG JUL 181316

TOR 190220B

INFO: BERCOMB FOR PW AND DP DIV AND GRX



CCG 75272 PWDP SECTION 18 JULY.

SUBJECT IS HONEYBEE REFUGEES ON SWALLOW TRAINS.

IT HAS COME TO OUR NOTICE THAT SWALLOW TRAINS ARE BEING STOPPED
IN RUSSIAN ZONE AND HONEYBEE REFUGEES ARE BEING LOADED ON.
CAREFUL CHECK WILL BE MADE OF ALL SUCH CASES AND NOTED SEPARATELY
ON WEEKLY REFUGEE RETURN.

TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED FOR PERIOD 1ST TO 13TH JULY 46 WILL BE
NOTIFIED THIS HQ RETURN.

HANREG, YOUR 229/MIL/GOV/8623/3/REFV OF 9TH JULY 46 REFERS.

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FROM: CONCOMB
TO: HERCOMB
INFO: HERCOMB
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

IYD 23156
DTO JULY 161715D
TOR 171800D

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COG 75257 (PWDP SEC) 16 JULY 46.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES
FROM POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1500,000.

REFERENCE DGOC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 6 JULY 4299. GRAND
TOTAL TO 6. JULY 175,975.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: PW & DP Div ✓
INFO: Secretariat (4)
Intelligence Div (3)
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IMMEDIATE

FROM: CONCOMB

TO : STEINREG
HLNREG
CRX

INFO: SECRETARIAT
WESTREG
RHINREG
HERCOMB FOR PW AND DP DIV
HLNGOV



IYD 23145

DTG JUL 161115D

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ML 75257 (PWDP SECT) 16 JULY 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SMALLOW PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY

TO OUR CGG 75229 DATED 13 JULY 46.

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ACTION: CRX (Dr) (5)

INFO : Transport Div (2)
PW & DP Div ✓
M. & NC. (3)

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MEMORANDUM

File Ref: PMDP/59809/18

To: Manpower Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element),
BERLIN, B.A.C.R.

Subject:- OPERATION "SWALLOW".

We have been asked by the Secretariat to let you have
a short note on Operation "SWALLOW":-

As a result of the Control Council's Agreement in
November, 1945 for the transfer of GERMAN populations
to be moved from AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY and
POLAND into the 4 Zones of GERMANY (CONCL/P(45)57)
(CONCL/M/(45)12) the BRITISH Zone was committed to
accept 1,500,000 expellees from New POLAND (i.e. that
part of GERMANY ceded to POLAND under the POTSDAM
Agreement).

Following a visit by the POLISH Minister of
Repatriation to BERLIN in February 1946 an Agreement
for the transfer of these "expellees" to the BRITISH
Zone was drawn up between the BRITISH Member and the
POLISH representative of the Combined Repatriation
Executive (C.R.X.).

A copy of this Agreement is attached as Appendix
"A".

Paragraph 2 of Appendix "A" shows the initial rates
of exchange. The rates at which movement is now taking
place are:-

Route "A"	:	NIL.
Route "B"	:	6 Trains per week (approximately 1,500 per train).
Route "C"	:	4 Trains per day (approximately 1,500 per train).
Route "D"	:	Never brought into operation.

Number of expellees transferred to date (6 July 1946) 765,063

To this number must be added 175,975 who have been recorded
as entering the BRITISH Zone through transfer points, but by
other channels e.g. refugee trains other than "SWALLOW".

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The POLISH and RUSSIAN Authorities do not agree to this latter figure and, therefore, consider the number still to be transferred as 1,500,000 less 765,063 i.e. 734,937.

A.G. KENCHINGTON,
Brigadier,
Chief, PW & DP Division.

Date: 17th. July. 1946.

Tell
Tel: 86-5190
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PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
BERLIN, D.A.C.R.

19th July, 1946.

To: Manpower Division

(for Mr. Singleton)

1. With reference to the visit of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the following figures regarding Swallow refugees may be of interest.
2. They are an analysis of the intake from 1st-30th June and an approximate average for the total inflow of Swallow refugees.
3. It is regretted that a breakdown for the total number of Swallows is not available as early statistics were not very accurate and some were lost at the Hamburg fire.
4. Analysis of intake 1st-30th June.

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	52,395	116,360	70,830	239,585
Fit	33,760	81,104		
% in class	64	69		
% of Total	14	34		

JBW.
A.C. KENNELMANN,
Brig.
Chief, PW & DP Division.

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TO: CONCOMB (PW.DP) SET/SEC
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MG/REFS. 15 JULY 46.

IRREGULAR CROSSING OF INTERZONAL RUSSIAN-BRITISH BOUNDARY.

1. DAILY TOTAL OF UNOFFICIAL "SWALLOW" AND "HONEY BEE" AS FOLLOWS:-

6 JULY	266.
8 JULY	34.
9 JULY	632
10 JULY	484
11 JULY	462
12 JULY	328

TOTAL 2815 FOR 1 WEEK.

2. SUGGEST THAT THIS MUST BE COUNTED AGAINST "SWALLOW" ACCEPTANCES.

3. THE FOREGOING FIGURES ONLY ACCOUNT FOR REFUGEES WHO REPORT TO CAMP
AND CAUSE A DEFICIENCY OF 2 TRAINS WEEKLY.

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PW & DP Division,
Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for
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BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

16th. July, 1946.

To: Political Division,
Advanced H.Q.,
C.C. for G. (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

Subject: Operation "SWALLOW"

1. It is proposed to send the attached letter to Colonel PRAWIN. The matter has been discussed with and approved in principle by DCOS (Pol).

Have you any comments?

2. If you agree to the letter a copy is attached for you to send to WARSAW if you wish to do so.

GBVH/ATW.

G.B.VAUGHAN-HUGHES,
Lt.Col.
for Chief, PW & DP Div.

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PF & IP Division,

Advanced Headquarters,

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BELIEF, R.A.C.R.

WFO/59803/18

Subject: Operation "BELLIE"

1. The Authorities in the British Zone report urgently that the task of dispersing and housing the GERMANS being transferred from POLSD at the present rate of receipt, is proving too difficult. In many areas saturation point has been reached, and now train loads have to be broken up into smaller parties and sent to several different destinations. Congestion at the transfer points is resulting.

I have to give notice therefore, that circumstances necessitate the reduction of the daily flow from 8,000 to 5,000.

The alteration in the rate of flow will commence on July 16th. and I have given orders to my representative with C.R.I. to make the necessary arrangements. I would ask you to give similar instructions to the POLISH Authorities concerned.

2. I would point out that the percentage of fit working men has not risen as we were given to expect it would. Numbers of unaccompanied children and inmates from Sanatoria are arriving and it is impossible to move and place such people in bulk where they can maintain themselves by work. This has materially added to our difficulties.

A.C. KENNEDY,
Brigadier.

Chief, PF & IP Division.

The Chief of the POLISH Military Mission,
c/o Allied Liaison & Protocol Section,
A.C.I. Building, BELIEF, R.A.C.R.

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Combined Repatriation Executive

ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY

BUILDING, Room 120, Berlin

13th July, 1946

TO : British Representative C.R.X.
American Representative C.R.X.
French Representative C.R.X.

Translation

FROM : Soviet Representative C.R.X.

from Poland

SUBJECT: Compulsory expulsion into the Soviet Zone of Germans who have arrived in the British Zone ~~from Poland~~

The President of the Province of Saxony in his letter of 3.7.46 writes as follows:-

"We direct the transit trains from Poland to the Western Zone via Oebisfeld ^(near Oebisfelde) and Felpke, ^{but it is also a fact that the majority of those immigrants} ^(near DUDERSTADT) return to the Soviet Zone via Teistungen. In the Western Zone they are told that all immigrants whose relatives live in the Soviet Zone can return to that Zone. All they have to do is to register. For instance, Mr. Gavlitchek has ascertained that 90% of the immigrants in the train which had arrived at Teistungen, were re-transferred in transit trains via Oebisfeld and Felpke to the Western Zone, from where they returned to the Soviet Zone via Teistungen. Therefore, account should be taken of the fact that the majority of the 1,500,000 immigrants from Poland destined for the Western Zone ^{will} ^{be} ~~would be~~ shortly returning to the Soviet Zone of Occupation," which means that your Occupation Authorities direct the German expellees who are destined for settlement in your Zone, to the Soviet Zone, which is a direct violation of the Control Council decision of 22.9.45 on the principle of allocation between the Soviet and British Zones of German expelles from Poland. The total number of expelles from the British Zone mentioned above, is being checked, and will be submitted at the next meeting of C.R.X.

/Signed/ UGRYUMOV Lt. Col.

Soviet Representative on C.R.X.

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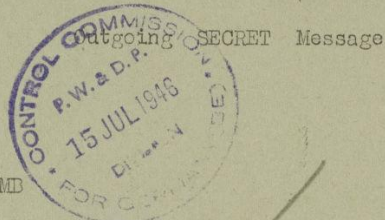
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FROM: BERCOMB

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ARGUS 552 (PWDE/59809/18).

13 JULY 46.

SUBJECT IS GERMANS FROM POLAND BEING MOVED WESTWARDS UNDER THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT.

1. FEEDING AND HOUSING IN THE BRITISH ZONE HAVE BECOME SUCH ACUTE PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING A POINT WHERE WE MUST STOP FURTHER INTAKES UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS, OR AT ANY RATE SUSPEND OPERATION "SWALLOW" FOR THE MOMENT.
2. THE STATE IN WHICH GERMANS ARE REACHING OUR ZONE FROM POLISH ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES IS SUCH THAT THEY CAN NOT MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR OWN UPKEEP, OR TO ANY RE-CONSTRUCTION OF GERMANY BY REASON OF THEIR DEFLORABLE PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND OF THE EXTREMELY LOW PERCENTAGE OF POTENTIAL WORKERS AMONGST THEM - I.E. ONLY 11% ARE WORKING ADULT MALES.
3. THE EXTENT TO WHICH POLISH AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS, BUT IN ANY EVENT WE ARE CARRYING OUT A SCHEME EXCEPTIONALLY DIS-ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BRITISH ZONE AND WHICH HAS NOW BECOME AN INTOLERABLE BURDEN.
4. THE RUSSIANS AND POLES WILL OF COURSE TAKE THEIR STAND ON THE LETTER OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD FORESTALL THIS BY BASING OUR OWN DECISION TO SUSPEND MOVEMENT OF GERMANS ON THE FAILURE TO OBSERVE ECONOMIC UNITY OF GERMANY. IT IS THIS FAILURE WHICH HAS DEPRIVED OUR ZONE OF THE FOOD SURPLUSES FROM THE EAST WHICH WE WERE ENTITLED TO

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EXPECT UNDER THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT AND WHICH IS THUS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR INABILITY TO MAINTAIN A VAST INFUX OF REFUGEES, MOST OF WHOM ARE INCAPABLE OF WORK (SEE FOLLOWING PARA). IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCES, THE TRANSFER OF GERMANS IN THE HUMANE CONDITIONS FOR WHICH THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES, HAS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE AND WE ARE OBLIGED TO SUSPEND IT INDEFINITELY.

5. THE NUMBER OF MALE ABLE BODIED WORKERS HAS UP TO DATE PROVED TO BE 77354 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 703006 PEOPLE OF ALL SEXES TRANSFERRED - I.E. ONLY 11%. THIS HAS VASTLY INCREASED THE DIFFICULTY OF ABSORBING INTO OUR ZONE REFUGEES UTTERLY UNABLE TO WORK OR LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES.
6. WE SUGGEST THAT AS THE MATTER WILL EVENTUALLY LIE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS IT WOULD BE BEST TO ANNOUNCE OUR DECISION TO SUSPEND MOVEMENT AT THAT LEVEL IN THE FIRST PLACE. AS THE SCHEME IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF ARTICLE 13 OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO INFORM OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE CONTROL COUNCIL.
7. WE REALIZE THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL NOT MEET WITH READY ACCEPTANCE FROM THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND WILL MEAN THAT WE SHALL ALSO PROBABLY HAVE TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT GERMAN REFUGEES FROM DENMARK, OR ELSEWHERE, OTHER THAN THOSE WHOSE PREVIOUS DOMICILE WAS INSIDE THE PRESENT CONFINES OF THE ZONE. THE LATTER WE HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO ACCEPT.

APPROVAL BY DCOS (POLICY).

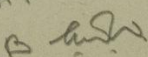
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DTO JUL 131105B

BCCC 10150. (MP/84319/1). 13 JUL 46.

YOUR CCLE/G/1225* OF 10 JULY REFERS.

FIT MEN WITHOUT FAMILIES WHO ARRIVE ANYWHERE IN THE BRITISH ZONE UNDER OPERATION SWALLOW ARE AUTOMATICALLY CONSIDERED BY THE GERMAN LABOUR OFFICES FOR TRANSFER TO THE RUHR AS COAL MINERS AND ARE DIRECTED IF NECESSARY.

IT IS NOT WORTH SENDING WHOLE FAMILIES TO THE RUHR UNLESS THE BREADWINNER IS A SKILLED MINER, AS THERE IS INSUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE PRESENT MINING LABOUR FORCE. SUCH FAMILY ACCOMMODATION AS BECOMES AVAILABLE MUST BE RESERVED

- (A) FOR MOVING EXISTING GREEN LABOUR OUT OF BARRACKS, AND
- (B) FOR THE SKILLED HARD COAL MINERS FROM SUDETENLAND WHOM WE ARE EXPECTING UNDER AN AGREEMENT RECENTLY MADE WITH AMERICANS.

* IYD 22440 refers.

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FROM : CONCOMB

DTO JUL 101545B

TO : BERCOMB

TOR 110050B

CCG 75191 (PWDP/SECT) 10 JULY 46.

See folio 165 Vol. 1.

SUBJECT CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF ~~EXPELLEES~~ FROM POLAND TO
COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000, REFERENCE BGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 29 JUNE 3,405 GRAND TOTAL TO
29 JUNE 171,676.

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THE CHUNGEOR HAS ASKED WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO TAKE TO INSURE THAT THOSE FIT MEN WHO COME INTO THE BRITISH ZONE UNDER OPERATION SAILON ARE DIRECTED TO A GOOD LOCATION IN COMBATING AREAS. WHAT HE HAS IN MIND IS THE POSSIBILITY OF SIFTING OUT THE FIT MEN WITH THEIR FAMILIES EITHER ON INITIAL RECEPTION IN BRITISH ZONE OR WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT CHURCH IN REGIONS, OR EVEN AT A LATER STAGE, AND THEN DIVERGING THEM INTO HUNTER AREAS AS PART OF THE QUOTA FOR THOSE AREAS.

PLEASE REPORT URGENTLY WHETHER THIS HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AND WHETHER IT HAS BEEN FOUND PRACTICABLE TO DO ANYTHING ON THESE LINES.

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SUBJECT: Operation "SWALLOW"

1. The attached letter No. PWDP/58326/SEC of 6 Jul (6 copies) has been cleared with DCOS(Exec) who wishes to add to it that all asylums and hospitals in the Zone are full to overflowing.

2. With regard to the figure 50,000 in para 8 a motion coming before the next meeting of the Zonal Advisory Council states that BAVARIAN figures are 529,080. If this is correct and we are to accept these people by WASP channels they count as part of SWALLOW and all further intake from POLAND should cease immediately. We shall in fact be over our $1\frac{1}{2}$ million.

3. Chief wishes letter cleared with Political and DMG before action is taken.

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Deputy Chief, PW & DP Division.

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Could you tell me
please, what action
has been taken on
this 174?

Be. 12/7

N. F. A. to be
~~taken~~ on this
letter as it has
now been overstated
by events.

A. D. C.

Tel: LEMGO 600

Ref: FWDP/58326/SEC

PW & DP Division,
102 HQ,
Zonal Executive Offices,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
B.A.O.R.

6 Jul 46

To: PW & DP Division,
HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Operation "SWALLOW"

1. The absorptive capacity of the Zone is now so strained that grave difficulties are arising in dispersing expellees.
2. The accommodation problem, always acute, has been made worse by the refusal of POLISH DPs to be repatriated.
3. In certain areas housing cannot be fully utilised owing to shortage of water and absence of drainage. There is grave danger of epidemics in such areas.
4. Large numbers of expellees have arrived virtually destitute due to the harsh manner in which they were evicted or to looting by the Poles en route to the frontier. The ordinary articles essential to their daily maintenance (beds, bedding, cooking gear, latrine buckets, footwear, etc) do not exist and are unlikely to be available for some time.
5. Dispersal trains now have to make long circuits dropping small numbers of expellees in different Kreise.
6. In view of the foregoing it has become imperative to request a slow down in the rate of intake. Will you therefore notify the POLISH authorities that we will not accept more than 2 trains a day by the Southern route and 1 train by the Northern route with effect from 15 July. This will reduce our daily intake from approx 8000 to approx 5000 and may assist us to cope with an impossible situation.
7. The POLISH authorities should also be informed that our quota (1½ million) is approaching completion. This is a matter of urgency as we do not propose to accept more than 1½ million by whatever route they come and we expect (unless you succeed in stopping operation "WASP") to receive a large number now in process of forcible eviction from BAVARIA, in addition to the 160,000 we may receive from DENMARK (your signal 73135 of 4 July refers).
8. The approximate balance sheet (27 June) is as follows:-

Operation "SWALLOW"	received	683109
"Unofficial" "	"	168860
Expected from Bavaria (pure guess)		50000
" " Denmark		160000
		<u>1062049</u>

Balance to come from Poland 427951

This at 8000 a day is app 53 days. i.e. operation ends 3rd week in August.
At 5000 a day it is app 85 days. i.e. operation ends 3rd week in September.

Note After clearing with Political
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A. G. Kennington

A. G. KENNINGTON,
Chief, PW & DP Division.

RWJ/MRM

Copy for C.R.X. who should give Liaison Teams at STETTIN and KALAWSK early warning.

File
Tel: 86 - 5437

PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
British Element,
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

Ref: PWDP/59809/18

4th. July, 1946.

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To: P.R.I.S.C.

FOR ATTENTION MAJOR RALPHS.

Subject:- D.M.G.'s Press Interview.

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Herewith Statement for the D.M.G.'s Press
Interview on the 9th. July, 1946.

A.M.H. Byers

A.M.H. BYERS,
J/Comd,
for Chief,
PW & DP Division.

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Information for PR/ISG for D.M.G.'s Press Interview

On 9th July.

SUBJECT :- Progress on the Movement of Germans from the Former Poland and Their Settlement in the British Zone.

5 copies to PR.

1. Numbers Moved.

A number of Germans from the former Poland made their way into the British Zone before October, 1945. This number will not be accurately known until the forthcoming census gives the information. Since the plan for the transfer of these people, as agreed at Potsdam, was made and was approved in October, 1945, the following numbers have been received and recorded into the British Zone.

	<u>Nos. as at 29th June.</u>
(a) By the specially arranged trains and ships.	646,090
(b) Through other Refugee exchange channels.	169,271
Total =	<u>814,361</u>

2. Routes Used.

By train from STETTIN to LUBECK and from KCHIMPURT to GRABBEHN. A few ships were also used between STETTIN and LUBECK, returning from transporting Polish D.P.'s to STETTIN. The outward traffic has now stopped for lack of passengers, and the ships are now required for other purposes and this route is now no longer used.

3. Rate of Flow.

Owing to difficulties of transport and getting the movement properly organised from the Polish end, it has not proved possible to make the rate of transfer as rapid as was envisaged in the first plan. There remains a liability to transfer a further 673,700.

4. Points about the transfer.

In the first weeks of transfer there were grounds for protest which were made about the conditions of movement. Representations made secured the correction of most of these complaints to a standard as good as present conditions in Poland appeared to permit. A notable feature is the relatively low proportion of these expellees shown as men between 15 and 50, fit for work. The proportion in the first batches was as low as under 10%. Some improvement is now evident, and of the 63.5% who are males, 36.1% are fit for work.

It is evident that these people represent an additional burden on the population of the British Zone rather than an access of strength, as all have to be provided with food and housing in an already sorely tried Zone.

5. Settlement in the British Zone.

Checking of the despatch of these people at the Polish end is done by teams of Military Government officers sent to assist the Polish Authorities. At the reception points Military Government officers supervise, and the work of sorting them, etc., is done by Germans under their supervision. These people are moved to various areas in the British Zone as directed by Manpower Division who have the housing situation under constant review to see that the distribution of these expellees does not over-strain any one area. As the large total grows it becomes a matter of increasing difficulty to absorb them into their new home regions without causing economic distress.

3rd July, 1946.

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IMPORTANT

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB

BGCC NO 9636. 1 JULY 46.

COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO 1053.

THE NUMBER OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND INFILTRATING INTO THE BRITISH SECTOR OF BERLIN HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY OF LATE. IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE PRESENT CONGESTION, PERMISSION IS REQUESTED TO DESPATCH 3 TRAINS PER WEEK ON OPERATION JERICO, INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT 2. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL ONLY BE TEMPORARY, AS REPRESENTATIONS ARE BEING MADE THROUGH KOMMANDATURA WITH A VIEW TO STOPPING THIS INFLUX OF EXPELLEES INTO BERLIN.

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(HQ/01304/SEC G DATED 29 JUN 46)

REFERENCE PERQU 63 DATED 15TH JUNE 46.

FOLLOWING IS MATERIAL FOR REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED

BY MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

1. REFERENCE YOUR PARA 3A. TOTAL NUMBER OF MEN RECEIVED BETWEEN 1 AND 15 JUN WAS 27,466. OF THESE 63.9% ABLE BODIED AND FIT FOR WORK.

2. REFERENCE YOUR PARA 3B. TOTAL NUMBER OF MEN RECEIVED SINCE OPERATION SWALLOW BEGAN ON 26 FEB UNTIL 15 JUN WAS 103/466. OF THESE 59% ABLE BODIED AND FIT FOR WORK. FOLLOWING IS MATERIAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES:-

1. REFERENCE YOUR PARA 2. PARA FIRST SHOWS THERE HAS BEEN INCREASE THOUGH NOT LARGE ONE IN PERCENTAGE OF MALES FOR WORK. BETWEEN 26 FEB AND 15 JUNE THIS INCREASE WAS 8.3% EMPHASISE THAT OF TOTAL OF 584,704 EXPERIENCES RECEIVED UP TO 15 JUN ONLY 17.7% ADULT MALES.

2. REF YOUR PARA 3. FROM 26 FEB TO 30 APR 37,975 MALE EXPERIENCES RECEIVED OF WHOM 55.2% FIT FOR WORK. FROM 1/15 19.217 OF WHOM 57.2% FIT. FROM 16-31 MAY, 18,808 OF WHOM 62.1% FIT.

3. DEFINITION OF MEN ABLE BODIED AND FIT FOR WORK IS MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIXTEEN AND FIFTY WHO CAN DO NORMAL AND MANUAL LABOUR. THEY ARE CLASSIFIED BY EXPERT GERMAN DOCTORS IN REFUGEE DISPERSAL CAMPS.

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TO: DERCOMB

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INFO: RDR DIVISION:

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SECRETARIAT:

CCG 75073 (PWDP/SEC/STATS) 29 JUNE.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND
TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000. REF DGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 22 JUNE 46. 2,835.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 22 JUNE 46 168,271.

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ACTION: PW & DP Div

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FROM: CONCOMB

TO: STEINREG

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HANREG: 30 CORPS DISTRICT UNRA:
REPATRIATION OFFICE LEMGO:

N.1.

COG 75070 (PWDPQ) 29 JUNE.

OP EAGLE.

YOUR PWDP 443 OF 25 JUNE 46.

1. DO NOT INTEND TO CLOSE DOWN NORTHERN REPATRIATION ROUTE AT PRESENT.
2. HAVE TAKEN UP QUESTION OF ACCEPTANCE WITH SOVIETS WHO AGREE TO CONTINUE, SUBJECT FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS.
 - (A) TRAINS TO RUN WITH MINIMUM LOAD OF 500 REPATRIATES;
 - (B) EACH TRAIN TO BE CLEARED IN BERLIN PRIOR TO DISPATCH;
3. REPATRIATES FROM SCHLESWIG AND HAMBURG AND FROM OTHER REGIONS IF THEY EXPRESS DESIRE TO BE REPATRIATED TO NORTHERN POLAND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ROUTED TO LUBECK FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT.
4. YOU WILL NOTIFY THIS HQ BY IMMEDIATE SIGNAL DATES ON WHICH YOU WISH TO DISPATCH AND ESTIMATED NUMBER BY TRAIN LOADS. MINIMUM FOUR DAYS WARNING IS REQUIRED.
5. WE WILL CLEAR IN BERLIN AND PASS CLEARANCE TO YOU BY TELEPHONE OR SIGNAL.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)
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FROM: CONCOMB

TO: BERCOMB



IYB 21370
DTG JUN 291215B
TOR 301130

CCG 75073(PWDP/SEC/STATS) 29 JUNE.

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DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: CRX(Br) (5)

INFO: Transport Div (2)
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INFORMATION OF MOVEMENT OF GERMAN
EXPULLEES FROM POLAND TO THE
SOVIET ZONE OF OCCUPATION OF GERMANY

From 20 Nov 1945 to 15 Jun 1946



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Lt.Col. Ugriumov
Representative of Soviet
Occupation Forces in
Germany C.R.X.

Commander Konarski
Polish Representative C.R.X.

Berlin 22 June 1946

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AGREEMENT

Between the Soviet and Polish Representatives on the Combined Repatriation Executive of the Control Council, regarding the transfer of German population from Poland to the Soviet occupation zone of Germany.

From the moment transfer of German population from Poland to the British zone by transit through the Soviet occupation zone begins, the reception point STETTIN-LEOCHNITZ (Northern route) is to be exclusively available for this purpose.

Both sides have agreed that reception and handing-over of transferees to implement the Control Council's plan of 17.11.45, to revise the present system of reception and handing-over of German transferees from Poland to the Soviet occupation zone of Germany, and make the following agreement:

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The reception of German transferees from Poland into the Soviet occupation zone of Germany to continue in the spirit of the decisions of the Tripartite Berlin Conference and the Control Council's plan of 17.11.45.

2. SYSTEM OF TRANSPORT, RECEPTION-HANDING OVER POINTS.

The movement of German transferees is to be carried out by rail transport, Reception and handing-over to take place at reception points: FORST, ZGOSHELITZE (Gerlitz), by means of trains from Poland at these points. The total number of transfer-trains to be fixed at not less than one train per 24 hours at each reception-transfer point. Number of transferees in train - 1,500 to 1,700.

3. ORDER OF RECEPTION OF TRANSFEREES.

All German transferees will be handed over and received in Polish trains at the stations of FORST and ZGOSHELITZE (Gerlitz).

The following will serve as documents of handing over and acceptance:

a) Despatch order; b) Sanitary passport, on a form previously approved.

Only after all transfer and acceptance formalities have been complied with will the German transferees come under the charge of the representatives of the Soviet occupation zone and the Polish rolling-stock be returned.

4. SANITARY SECURITY.

The Polish authorities will subject to sanitary treatment all German transferees sent to the Soviet occupation zone before putting them on the trains. For each train, after the sanitary treatment, a sanitary passport will be drawn up, which will be presented at the moment of handing-over the train - without a passport the train will not be accepted.

All sufferers from infectious diseases, discovered at the point of acceptance or handing-over, will be turned back to Poland.

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5. MATERIAL SECURITY.

Transferees, at the moment of transfer and acceptance, must be in possession of one day's provisions. They have the right to take with them only as much baggage as they can carry themselves, including clothing, linen and personal effects. Each transferee is permitted to have on his person German money up to 500 R.M.

6. PROTECTION.

The Polish authorities will be responsible for guarding the trains up to the moment of handing over to representatives of the Soviet zone.

7. DOCUMENTATION.

Besides the documents stated in para. 3 of this agreement, each transferee should possess documents certifying his identity.

MASLANNIKOV, Lieut.Col.

Soviet Representative, C.R.X.

KONARSKI, Lieut.Commander,

Polish Representative, C.R.X.

Berlin.....1946.

A G R E E M E N T

regarding the evacuation of Germans from Czecho-Slovakia
to the Soviet Zone of Germany

I Number of German evacuees.

The number of Germans which, under the agreement, will be evacuated to the Soviet Zone, amounts to 600,000 persons. The Czecho-slovak authorities guarantee that the number evacuated will not exceed that figure.

II Supplies for the evacuees.

1. Property: the evacuees may take such articles of their property as are legally permitted to be taken out of Czecho-slovakia, up to a weight of 50 kg. per head.
2. Money: each of the evacuees will receive from the Czecho-slovak authorities cash to the amount of 500 R.M. or occupation marks which are in circulation in the Soviet Zone of occupation.

III Sanitary Requirements.

1. Persons not to be evacuated: Sufferers from infection and epidemic diseases, and with suspicious symptoms up to complete recovery or to expiration of quarantine, pregnant women within six weeks of delivery and mothers up to the sixth week after childbirth, are excluded from the evacuation.
2. Separation of the sick from the healthy. Persons requiring medical treatment, apart from those excluded under sub-para (1) are to be evacuated by way of normal transport, but in separate coaches, and with provision of the necessary medical attention.
3. Mental cases will be evacuated by separate transport, by special arrangement.
4. Medical certificate. Each transport will be provided with a medical certificate, signed by an official Czech doctor and a German doctor, stating that the evacuees have been medically inspected and deloused, and that among them are no persons who are excluded from the evacuation for reasons set out in para. (1) of Section III.
5. Sanitary service on board the train. This service will be provided by two German nurses.

IV Transport of the Evacuees.

1. Rail transport: Transport will be supplied on two routes: PODMOKLI - BAD SCHANDAU and TRSCHNITZE - GERA, TRSCHNITZE - ALTENBURG. By each of these routes 3 trains with evacuees will be despatched daily, except on Sunday: thus the Soviet authorities will receive six trains every day except Sundays.

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2. Composition of trains. Each transport will consist of 40 closed cars for Germans and their baggage, one or two cars for Germans and their baggage (Sic), one or two cars for the sick and for medical personnel, and one car for provisions. In all 42-43 cars.

3. Load of train. In the cars for Germans will be placed 30 people with baggage. So that the train will consist of approximately 1,200 people in addition to medical personnel and the sick, who shall not be counted in the number making up the transport given above.

4. Water Transport. Movement of evacuees by water will be carried out by barges adapted for this purpose, up to the following destination points: for the province of SAXONY - the port of WITTENBERG and for the province of MECKLENBURG - the port of WITTENBERGE. This means of transport is only possible during the summer months.

V Provisioning of Evacuees.

1. On Czechoslovak territory, Czechoslovak authorities will take care of the feeding of evacuees.

2. For the feeding of evacuees beyond the frontiers of the Czechoslovak Republic, each transport going to Bad-Schandau will carry provisions for 4 days, transports to Gera-Altenburg, provisions for 4 days, evacuees travelling by river to the port of WITTENBERG (SAXONY) - provisions for 3 days, and for those going to the port of WITTENBERGE (MECKLENBURG) - for 5 days, for each separate persons, in accordance with rations fixed in Czechoslovakia. Stocks of provisions will be kept in a separate van or in a separate part of the barge and at the point of destination will be handed over to the appointed authorities, except for trains coming from TRSCHNITZE, where they will be handed over at the station of BRAMBACH.

VI Schedule of Transport trains.

1. The departure of trains will proceed strictly according to a time-table, which will be communicated to the Soviet authorities at least a week before departure: trains whose destination is BAD-SCHANDAU must arrive there at 6, 10, and 14 hours, and at BRAMBACH from 17 to 21 hours.

2. The arrival of trains at the point of destination will be calculated so that the last train, after unloading, can return to the C.S.R. before evening.

VII Military Escort and Papers.

1. Each transport of evacuees will be accompanied by an escort consisting of 1 officer and 10 men of the Czechoslovak army, whose duty it will be to prevent evacuees from deserting and outside persons from joining the train.

2. During its stay at the stations of BAD-SCHANDAU and BRAMBACH on territory of the Soviet occupation zone of Germany, the Czechoslovak military escort will maintain its rights until the transport has been handed over to the Soviet representatives.

3. For river transport a military escort, consisting of 1 officer and 4 men will go to the port of destination (WITTENBERG, WITTENBERGE) and will return on the next Czechoslovak ship.

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4. Movement orders will be drawn up for each train (on the attached form) in triplicate, one copy of which will, after the transfer, be left with the representative of the Czechoslovak authorities, and the remaining 2 will be handed over to the Soviet representatives. In addition to this the Czechoslovak authorities will draw up nominal lists for each train to be handed over, giving the following particulars:

1. Surname, first name
2. Year of birth
3. Sex
4. Trade or profession.

One copy of these lists, together with the movements orders, will be handed to the Soviet representative.

VIII Disembarkation of the evacuees.

1. Bad-Schandau shall be the disembarkation station on the Podmokli-Bad Schandau route, on the Trschnitz-Gera, Altenburg route the disembarkation stations shall be Gera and Altenburg. These stations shall be considered disembarkation stations, where the German evacuees with their baggage and supplies or provisions leave the train.
2. The entire Czechoslovak train, with the same number of cars and the same technical equipment, shall immediately after unloading return to Czechoslovakia.

IX Representatives.

1. Major General of the Guards, GOROKHOV will be the Soviet representative for regulating questions connected with the evacuation of the Germans.
2. On the part of Czechoslovakia, the government representative for the evacuation of Germans from the C.S.R., Counsellor of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Doctor Antonin KUTCHERA, supported by military and other officials taking part in the matter of evacuation, is authorised to carry on all negotiations on evacuation matters with the Soviet authorities.
3. In view of the fact that, as a result of intensification of the evacuation, minor complications may arise, Lt.Colonel ANDREAS - a member of the Czechoslovak Military Mission in Berlin, assisted by one officer, will be appointed for straightening out such complications.

X Conclusion.

1. The evacuation shall begin:
 - a) by water transport on 5 July 1946
 - b) by rail:

Station Brambach from 10 July 1946 - 2 trains daily, Station Bad Schandau from 20 July 1946 - 1 train daily. From 1 July 1946 in accordance with section IV, para 1 of the present agreement.

2. The Czecho-slovak authorities undertake strictly to carry out all decisions resulting from this agreement.

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The Soviet authorities will see to it that the transports are received without delay, that the unloading shall not exceed 6 hours, that the trains are returned within 24 hours after their entering the Soviet Zone, with the exception of Bad-Schandau, whence the empty trains will be returned immediately after unloading, in order thus to ensure a speedier execution of the evacuation plan.

This agreement is drawn up in the Russian and Czech languages and both versions are identical.

(sgnd) TRUNOV,
Director-General,
Representative of the delegation
of the Soviet Occupation Zone in
Germany.

(sgnd) KUTCHERA,
Counsellor of the Ministry
of Internal Affairs,
Representative of the Czecho-
Slovak Republic for the evacuation
of German from the C.S.R.

Representative of the Ministry of
National Security of the C.S.R. -
of the General Staff.

Prague, 1 June 1946.

Tel: 604 LEMGO

Ref: PWDP/58510

PW & DP Division,

102 HQ,

Control Commission for Germany (BE)

B.A.O.R.



June 46.

To: The Office of the Deputy Military Governor (BZ),
(Sec. G),
Main HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE),
LUBBECKE, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Parliamentary Question No.63
Dated 15 June 1946 for answer
29 June 46

Herewith please find draft reply to the above quoted

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A.K. JONES, MAJOR,
for Chief PW & DP Division.

Copy to HQ PW & DP Div Berlin.
Ref telecon Vaughan/Hughes / Jones 25 June 46
for your information. our Sect.
will clear this with you.

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DRAFT REPLY OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 63 OF
15 JUNE 1946 FOR ANSWER 29 JUNE 1946

SUBJECT IS EXPELLEES FROM POLAND OPERATION SWALLOW(.)

FIRST(.) REFERENCE YOUR PARA ONE(.) SINCE START OF SWALLOW
26 FEB 46 TO 15 JUNE 46 103,466 MALE EXPELLEES RECEIVED OF WHOM
59.5 PER CENT. WERE GRADED AS ABLE BODIED AND FIT FOR WORK(.)

SECOND(.) REFERENCE YOUR PARA TWO (.) FROM 26 FEB TO 30 APRIL 37,975
MALE EXPELLEES RECEIVED 55.2 PER CENT FIT FOR WORK(.) FROM 1 MAY TO
15 MAY 19,217 MALE EXPELLEES RECEIVED 57.2 PER CENT FIT FOR WORK(.)
FROM 16 MAY TO 31 MAY 18,808 MALE EXPELLEES RECEIVED 62.1 PER CENT
FIT FOR WORK(.) FROM 1 JUNE TO 15 JUNE 27,466 MALE EXPELLEES RECEIVED
63.5 PER CENT FIT FOR WORK(.) YOU WILL OBSERVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN
INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF MALES FIT FOR WORK THOUGH NOT A LARGE ONE(.)

THIRD(.) MUST POINT OUT THAT OF A TOTAL OF 584,704 EXPELLEES RECEIVED
TO 15 JUNE ONLY 17.7 PER CENT ARE ADULT MALES

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

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FROM CONCOMB

TO DERCOMB

INFO R.D. & R. DIVISION MINDEN
INTELLIGENCE GROUP HQ
SECRETARIAT LUBIECKE
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU BAD OEYNHAUSEN
POLITICAL DIVISION LUBIECKE

CCG 75320 (PWDP SEC/STATS) 21 JUN.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXTELLEES
FROM POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1,900,001.

REF BGCC 6327 OF 16 MARCH 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3, TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 15 JUNE 3,307.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 15 JUNE 165,436

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)
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FROM: CONCOMB
TO: BERCOMB
INFO: RDR DIVISION
INTELLIGENCE GROUP HQ
SECRETARIAT
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
POLITICAL DIVISION



IYB 20208
DTO JUN 191150B
TOR 200800B

CCG/75316(PWDP SEC/STATS) 19 JUNE 46.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND
TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000.

REF BGOC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL TO 8 JUNE 162, 129.

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ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (CE)

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FROM HANREG
TO CONGOMB
INFO BERGOMB

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MG/REFS/55 18 JUN 46

REF YOUR CCG/75859 (PWDPX1) DATED 140900B.

NO TRACE OF CRX BERGOMB BGCC 8709 DATED
5 JUN 46 RECEIVED THIS HQ. PLEASE REPEAT FOR
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■ IYB 19589 refers

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)
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IMPORTANT:

FROM: CONFOLK

TO: BERCOMB

INFO: CONCOMB

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IYB 19789

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TOR 152300B



FOLLOWING PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED BY MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
BEGINS. TO ASK THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER WHAT PERCENTAGE OF
THE EXPELLED MALE PERSONS NOW ENTERING THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY ARE ABLE
BODIED AND FIT FOR WORK ENDS.

2. UNDERSTAND THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF ABLE
BODIED MALES AMONG RECENT ARRIVALS FROM POLAND.

3. PLEASE SUPPLY BY NOON SATURDAY JUNE 29 INFORMATION TO ENABLE THIS QUESTION
TO BE ANSWERED COVERING TOTAL NUMBER OF MEN RECEIVED AND PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHO ARE ABLE-BODIED AND FIT FOR WORK

- (A) IN CONVENIENT RECENT PERIOD AND
(B) IN WHOLE PERIOD SINCE SWALLOW BEGAN.

4. WOULD BE GLAD IF YOU COULD DELAY YOUR ANSWER UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE DATE
INDICATED IN PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH SO THAT LATEST PICTURE IS AVAILABLE HERE WHEN
QUESTION HAS TO BE ANSWERED.

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REPLY TO BE SENT FROM BERCOMB (PW &
DP DIV)

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*Spoke Gene (Bray).
Who is furnishing material
for reply.*

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Tel. No. 86-5174.

Ref :- PWDP/59809/18.

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PW & DP Division,
Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element).,
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

13th June, 1946.

Secretariat.

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SUBJECT :- Expulsion of German Minority from Poland.

Reference AHQ/11102/3 (Sec P), dated 4th June,
1946.

Herewith report in connection with the above
subject, for signature by the Chief Secretary as requested
in para. 4. of your above quoted letter.

CDE/JMC.

P.R. MESSUM, Captain,
for Brigadier,
Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to :-

Advanced H.Q.

Main H.Q.

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PW & DP Division.
Political Division.
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Office of the Deputy Military Governor,
Secretariat, Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany (BE)
BERLIN. B.A.O.R.

Ex/Action 86-5321

14 June, 1946

AHQ/11102/3 (SEC P)
PWDP/59809/18

To: General Department,
Control Office for Germany
and Austria,
Norfolk House,
St. James Square,
LONDON, S.W.1.



SUBJECT: Expulsion of German Minority from Poland

Reference your G.30/13 dated 30th May, 1946 and enclosures thereto.

It is probably true to say that conditions have improved. It is to be remembered that the interpretation of humane transfers is likely to be a national more than an international conception. The conduct of the operation will need careful attention next winter.

We are receiving reports of the separation of families. In many cases these separations took place a long time ago, sometimes before the end of the fighting, and no blame could fairly be placed on the Polish authorities, nor would there seem any but infinitesimal chances now of finding men who have been missing so long. In other cases, however, we have reports, supported by some details, of the removal of children from their parents. The reports are being made by the parents when they reach our zone, and allege that there is a movement to recruit by force manpower for the future by turning young Germans into "good Poles". Eight to fifteen appears to be the age group needed. We have reports of six instances, involving 16 children. How widely spread the scheme may be is not known but the translations of the statements made by the parents are supported by so much detail as to the children themselves and, in some cases, as to the location of the schools where the children now are, that they bear the stamp of truth.

You may think it desirable to communicate these facts to H.M.A. Warsaw.

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J.N. Fuzebal
Byrdon
Chief Secretary.

Copies to: Advanced HQ
PW & DP Division
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PW & DP Division
Political Division
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Note. This office ltrd AHQ/11102/3 (Sec P) dated 4 June, refers.

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE
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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (D.E.)
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DTO JUN 070915B
TOR 081130B

FROM: 508 (R) MIL GOV DET
TO: CRX BERLIN

MG/R/1910. 7 JUNE 46.

STEINREG FOR REFUGEES.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CO LIAISON TEAM STETTIN.

"PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CRX BERLIN. UNDERSTAND POSSIBILITY OF SWALLOW CEASING. WOULD SUGGEST IN EVENT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS PERMITTING AND SWALLOW OPERATIONS CONTINUING B.1 WEEKLY TRIPS OF ISAR. ALONE WOULD CARRY OUT OUR OBLIGATIONS AND PROVIDE BETTER MEANS EVACUATIONS THAN RAIL ONLY.

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCE HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (DE)

Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

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FROM: DERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB

INFO: HANREG



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See Also

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BGCC NO. 8709 CRX NO. 965.

SUBJECT IS SWALLOW OPERATION FROM KOHLFURT.

1. REPRESENTATIONS BERLIN AND DRESDEN HAVE APPARENTLY BORNE FRUIT. REPORT FROM BOOTHY RECEIVED TODAY STATES CONDITIONS IMPROVING DAILY. POSTERS ARE UP FORBIDDING UNOFFICIAL ENTRY INTO KOHLFURT. COPIES OF POSTER HAVE BEEN SENT TO HAMNOVER.
2. LOCAL SOVIET COMMANDER HAS CALLED ON LIAISON TEAM STATING THAT GENERAL ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM BERLIN FOR SOVIET UNITS TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE AID TO BRITISH LIAISON TEAM KOHLFURT.
3. SOVIETS AT MEETING IN BERLIN TODAY INSIST THAT TRAINS ARE ROUTED FROM MAGDEBURG AS THEY ARE MARKED. THEY STATE THAT SOMETIMES TRAINS ARE HELD ON THEIR SIDE OF THE BORDER FROM KOHLFURT WAITING ENGINES AND IT IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT THEY MAY HAVE GOT OUT OF ORDER AND THE FIRST FOUR TRAINS DESPATCHED MAY ALL HAVE BEEN MARKED FOR MARIENHILL. THIS IS THE ONLY EXPLANATION THEY CAN OFFER FOR RECENT INSTANCES OF NO TRAINS GOING TO OEBISFELDE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION TWO TRAINS WENT THROUGH OEBISFELDE TODAY.
4. KALANSK IS NO LONGER OFFICIAL NAME FOR STATION. FOR TIME BEING THE NAME OF KOHLFURT IS TO BE USED.
5. BOOTHY ANXIOUS FOR RELIEF FOR CAPT. MAGEE WHO IS THREE MONTHS OVERDUE FOR LEAVE.

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Incoming Message No. IYB 18716 (Originator's No. CCG 75309(FWDFR))

At the request of FWDF the ACTION addressee of the above message has
been changed from FWDF to CRX.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

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Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMMEDIATE

IYB 18688

DTG - JUN 041120

TOR 041607B

FROM PORT COMDT LUBECK.
TO MOVE EXFOR
BERCOMB FOR DP AND PW CRX
INFO MOVE 30 CORPS DIST
MOVE HQ SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN REGION

LU584 4 JUNE 46.

SUBJECT OPERATION SWALLOW. "TENERIFE" BERTHED

LUBECK 040710 DISEMBARKED 654 GERMAN EXPELLEES

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ACTION : CRX (Br)(5)
INFO : Transport Div (2)
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HQ/11102/3 (SEC P)

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Office of the Deputy Military Governor,
Secretariat, Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany
(British Element),
BERLIN, B.G.R.

4 June, 1946

To: PW, & DP Division,
Advanced HQ

SUBJECT: Expulsion of German minority from Poland

See 744

See 7 4

1. With reference to PEEQU 29 dated 24th April, and our reply QUPEE 28 (PWDP/59809/18,) dated 27th April.
2. Forwarded herewith are copies of the following correspondence, sent to us by the Control Office under cover of their letter G.30/13 dated 30th May:-
 - (a) Letter dated 9th May from Mr Stokes, MP, to the Right Hon. Phillip Noel-Baker, PC, MP. Appendix 'A'.
 - (b) Letter dated 21st May from The Right Hon. Phillip Noel-Baker, PC, MP, in reply to Mr Stokes letter referred to at (a) above. Appendix 'B'.
3. We are asked by the Control Office to report any significant developments in connection with the transfer of this German minority, and you are requested therefore to submit a reply to the General Department, Control Office for Germany and Austria, in answer to **their** letter referred to in paragraph 2. above, for the signature of the Chief Secretary.

Thausfeld
Secretariat. *Spencer*
G. S.

Copy to:

Advanced Headquarters

Main Headquarters

PW & DP Division
Political Division
Secretariat (Sec P) (2)

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APPENDIX 'A' to
AHQ/11102/3(Sec P)
dated 4th June, 1946.

(C 5613/12/18)

32 Victoria Street,

RRS/GTH

London, S.W.1.

9th May 1946.

Dear Phil,

You answered my questions on the 1st May and I promised to let you have further information as to the source of my knowledge.

1. Expulsions from Kunzendorf. The Commandant, Tobin, of the camp at Marienthal can supply all the evidence necessary with regard to this case. During the week ending 6th April some five hundred persons were expelled from this village, the last hundred of them only being warned at 6 o'clock on the night of the 5th April that they would have to go and that their train left at 6 o'clock the next morning. I talked with these people myself through Major Tobin's interpreter during my recent visit.

2. The Retention of Young Men as Slaves. Here again Major Tobin can be of considerable assistance in the way of supplying evidence of families passing through his hands without their young men. He told me that during the whole of his experience only 8% of the men passing through were fit and under 50 years of age. Many of the women to whom I spoke claimed that their husbands were prisoners of War in England or America. These surely ought to be sent back.

Further evidence you can get from Pastor Gruber, Berlin, C.2., Parochialstrasse 1 - 3 who as you know is Chief of the German Red Cross in Berlin. I had a long talk with him and visited one of the Camps in Berlin and actually spoke myself to women who said that both the young men and women and their husbands had been retained either by the Russians or the Poles, mostly by the former, for purposes of Slave Labour.

If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) R.R. Stokes.

The Rt. Hon. Phillip Noel-Baker, P.C., M.P.
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1

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APPENDIX 'B' to
AHQ/11102/3(Sec P)
dated 4th June, 1946.

(C 5613/12/13).

Foreign Office, S.7.1

21st May 1946.

Confidential

Dear Dick,

Many thanks for your letter of 9th May giving me some further information about the expulsion of Germans from Poland and the retention of young men for labour.

As I said in my answer, cases like that of the Germans expelled from Kunzendorf have been taken up with the Polish Military Mission in Berlin. I am arranging for the further details which you give in your letter to be sent to our authorities in Berlin with the request that they should continue to watch the situation closely.

Now as regards the separation of families. The latest reports from Berlin all refer to some improvement in the conditions of transfer. We have a telegram dated 11th May which gives the following percentages as regards fitness for 179,000 expellees:

Men: 55% fit, 45% unfit

Women: 63% fit, 37% unfit.

Children: 94% fit, 6% unfit.

In recent talks in Berlin (25th April) the Polish representative admitted that for the present a certain number of Germans in agriculture and other indispensable industries were being held back, but they said that the proportion of able-bodied men would increase. We shall of course check up on this. Meanwhile, our Ambassador in Warsaw has raised the question informally once more with the Polish authorities, stressing the need for the most generous possible treatment in view of the widespread criticism which any other treatment would provoke. The Polish authorities have since replied with an assurance that in cases where men are retained in Poland their families will be allowed to stay with them. We shall do our best to ensure that they live up to this.

At the moment, therefore, I do not think that further representations are called for, but if matters do not improve as we hope we shall certainly use our influence as effectively as we can. Let me have any hard information you can get.

Yours ever,

(Sgd) Philip Noel Baker.

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (DE)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMMEDIATE

IYD 18716

DTG - JUN 041030B

TOR 042225B

FROM CONCOMB

TO BERGOMB FOR PW & DP

INFO HANREG

See 4130

CGG 75309 (PWDP R) 4 JUNE 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW. REFERENCE DGCC 8514,

31 MAY 46.

1. HANREG REPEAT THAT TRAINS ARE NOW AGAIN ALL ARRIVING AT MARIENTHAL.

2 & 3. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED YOU TO BRING PRESSURE ON POLES TO PREVENT UNORGANISED INFILUX AT KALINSK. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DO SO. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ASSUME THAT THE WORD "YOU" IN PARA 1 OF YOUR DGCC 8547 IS AN ERROR.

4. CANNOT TRACE REPORT DATED 26 MAY OF THE LIAISON TEAM BUT DO NOT CONSIDER A VISIT TO KALINSK NECESSARY EVEN IF AN OFFICER WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : PW & DP Div — CRX

INFO : Transport Div (2)
CRX (Dr) (5)
M & M.C. (3)

See 4130

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCE HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMMEDIATE

FROM: PORT COMDT LUBECK

IYB 18558

TO: MOVEMENT EXFOR:
BERCOMB FOR PW AND DP CRX

DTC JUN C21000
TOR 022245D

INFO: MOVEMENTS 30 CORPS
MOVEMENTS HQ SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN REG

LU 577. 2 JUN 46.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

"VACHER NG" ARRIVED AM 2ND JUNE 46. DISEMBARKED 600

GERMAN EXPELLEES.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: CRX (Dr) 5

INFO: Transport Div 2
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ADVANCE HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

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Incoming RESTRICTED Message

FROM: CONCOMB

TO: BERCOMB

IYD 18357

DTG MAY 311730Z

TOR JUN 010005Z

CCG 75307 (PWDP R) 31 MAY 46.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES
FROM POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000. REF BCG 6327 OF
16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 25 MAY 198.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 25 MAY 156,186.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: CRX (Br) 5
INFO: Transport Div 2
PW & DP Div
M & MC 3

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

FROM: CONCOMB
TO : WEST REG
INFO: HAN REG
BERCOMB

IYB 18325
DTO MAY 311030B
TOR 311650B

CCG 30672 (HQ/04000/SEC) 31 MAY 46.

SUBJECT IS RETURNING EVACUEES AND REFUGEES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ^{*}EPI NO 29 DATED 30 MARCH 46, WEST REG HAVE REPORTED THAT SATURATION FIGURES, RESULTING FROM THE SECOND HOUSING SURVEY HAVE BEEN REACHED IN ALL BUT 6 KREIS. NEVERTHELESS THERE REMAIN ABOUT 1,000,000 EXPELLEES TO ENTER THE BRITISH ZONE OF WHOM 850,000 HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED FOR IN PREVIOUS SURVEYS OF RECEPTIVE CAPACITY. THE FLOW OF EXPELLEES INTO WESTPHALIA WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE. WESTPHALIA MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE UP TO 50,000 EXPELLEES, AND RETURNING EVACUEES DURING THE NEXT 3 WEEKS, BY WHICH TIME THE FINAL HOUSING SURVEY SHOULD BE COMPLETE. WESTPHALIA WILL BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR ANY INTAKE DURING THE NEXT 3 WEEKS, OVER AND ABOVE THE TOTAL INTAKE FIXED FOR WESTPHALIA BY PREVIOUS SURVEY.

* No trace.

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MESSAGE & MAIL SERVICE
ADVANCE HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (D. E.)

Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMMEDIATE

OYB 8913
DTG MAY 311605D

FROM: BERCCMD

TO: CONCCMD

INFO: HANS REG

See 7.129.

See 7.134

DGCC 8514 FROM CRX 949.

SUBJECT: OPERATION SWALLOW YOUR COG 75306(PWDER) OF 30 MAY.

1. UNDERSTAND TRAINS ARE NOW BEING ROUTED CORRECTLY.
2. REGARDING QUESTION OF OVERCROWDING TRAINS PLEASE REFER TO RECENT REPORTS FROM LIAISON TEAM KALAWSK DRAWING ATTENTION TO HEAVY INFLUX OF EXPELLEES ARRIVING AT KALAWSK UNOFFICIALLY.
3. LIAISON TEAM AT KALAWSK IS FROM ALL ACCOUNTS WORKING AT VERY HIGH PRESSURE AND THIS UNOFFICIAL INFLUX IS CAUSING A DESPERATE SITUATION. THEY REPORT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO TURN BACK THE EXPELLEES AND THAT THEY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LOAD TRAINS TO CAPACITY.
4. WE NOTE FROM REPORT DATED 26 MAY ADDRESSED TO YOU THAT C.C. LIAISON TEAM KALAWSK RECOMMENDS THAT ONE OF YOUR OFFICERS PROCEEDS TO KALAWSK TO STUDY POSITION. WILL ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERMIT IF YOU WILL ADVISE NAME.

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IYB 18233
 DTO MAY 301115B
 TOR 301840B

TO: BERCOMB FOR PW AND DP

INFO: HANREG

CCG 75306 (PWDPR) 30 MAY 46.

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SUBJECT IS OPERATION SWALLOW.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: PW & DP Div

INFO: Transport Div (2)
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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message

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IYB 17774

DTO MAY 251220B

TOR 251435B

FROM : CONCOMB

TO : BERCOMB

INFO : R.D.R. DIVISION
INTELLIGENCE GROUP HQ
SECRETARIAT
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
POLITICAL DIVISION

See 7165
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CCG 75299 (PWDP R) 25 MAY.

SUBJECT IS CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND
TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000. REFERENCE BGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 18 MAY 46, 3714.

GRAND TOTAL TO 18 MAY, 155,988.

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* OYB 6576 refers

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ACTION : CRX (BR) (5)

INFO : Transport Div (2)
PW & DP Div
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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing RESTRICTED Message



OYB 8547

DTG MAY 21 1230B

IMPORTANT

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB

BGCC 8165 (AHQ/11102/3 SEC P)

FOR GENERAL BALFOUR FROM GENERAL ERSKINE.

SUBJECT IS OPERATION "SWALLOW".

REFERENCE YOUR DOOS(X)/DO/36 OF 14 MAY 46 AND MY REPLY OF
20 MAY 46.

PW & DP AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO PROCEED WITH OPERATION
"SWALLOW". ANY APPROACH TO STOP OR DELAY WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TO
WARSAW AND NOT TO SOVIET WHO ARE ONLY A TRANSIT AREA.

DISTRIBUTION

PW & DP Div
PA/Deputy Military Governor - retention Berlin
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Chief Secretary
Secretariat (6)
Political Div (3)
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Note for file.

ACos(Exec) wrote to ACos(Pol) this week and suggested that we ought to stop operation "Swallow", on the grounds of food and housing shortages -

ACos(Pol) replied that he thought it better to allow the operation to go on -

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMPORTANT

FROM: BERCOMB

TO : CONCOMB

INFO: HANREG
30 CORPS DIST REFUGEE POLICY
709 MIL GOV DET
EXFOR



OYB 8478

DFO MAY 194750B

BGCC 8103

FROM COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO 890.

MOVE SWALLOW.

1. 3 TRAINS DAILY FROM KALAWSK BEGAN ARRIVING AS FROM 18 MAY.
2. COMPLAINT WAS MADE IN EMERGENCY TO CRX YESTERDAY BY 709 MIL GOV DET HELMSTEDT THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL NOT USE OEBISFELDE AS THE HANDOVER POINT FOR THE 2 TRAINS BOUND FOR UELZEN, BECAUSE THEIR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES HAVE RECEIVED NO SUCH INSTRUCTIONS. THEREFORE ALL 3 TRAINS ARE BEING HANDED OVER AT HELMSTEDT.
3. WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HERE WHO ASSURED US THEY WOULD FORTHWITH REPEAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS ALREADY GIVEN TO THEIR DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION H.Q. IN MAGDEBURG.
4. AS REGARDS THE RECENT PROPOSAL ORIGINATED BY BRITISH RAILWAY OPERATING TO WORK THE FINAL PROGRAMME OF 4 TRAINS DAILY ENTIRELY THROUGH OEBISFELDE THIS ROUTING 2 OF THEM DOWN TO GRASLEBEN AND CUTTING OUT HELMSTEDT ALTOGETHER THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE NOT IN FAVOUR AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO AGREE TO THE PLAN.

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)
Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMPORTANT:

FROM: 508 (R) DET MIL 808

TO: CTX BERLIN

INFO: STEINREG

IYB 17191
DTG MAY 181710
TOR 182320B

MG/R/1867.

1. REFERENCE TELECON FORD/TOMLINSON, BRITISH LIAISON TEAM
STETTIN STATE LT COL BEDDINGTON RETURNS TO STETTIN IN TWO WEEKS TIME.

2. STETTIN ALSO ASKS FOR FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE PASSED ON TO
POLISH REPRESENTATIVE WITH CTX BERLIN:-

"FROM SOWINSKI CENTRAL PUR STETTIN. 'TRAINS ARE TAKING TOO
LONG IN GETTING BACK FROM LUBECK(BAD SEGEBURG) TO STETTIN. FROM
1 MAY TO DATE ONLY 8 TRAINS HAVE BEEN SENT FROM HERE. CAMPS FOR
GERMAN EXPELLEES ARE OVERCROWDED. TAKE NECESSARY ACTION AND SIGNAL
PROGRESS.'"

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: CTX(Br) (5)

INFO: Transport Div (2)
PW & DP Div (2)
M & MC (3)

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (D.E.)

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IMPORTANT

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IYD 16907

DTG MAY 160905A

TOR 161510E

FROM: 508 (R) MIL GOV DET

TO: CRX BERLIN

INFO: CONCOMB
STEINREG

MG/R/1851. 16 MAY 46.

CONCOMB FOR PWDP REFUGEES.

STEINREG FOR REFUGEES.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SWALLOW TEAM STETTIN. TRAIN RUNNING HAS DETERIORATED. POLISH AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED MY HELP TO IMPLEMENT AGREED 1 TRAIN PER DAY. RUSSIAN RAIL AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED ME THAT THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE TURN ROUND IS TO REQUEST BERLIN TO INCREASE PRIORITY OF RETURN OF TRAINS. FAILING THAT ONLY WAY IS TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 1 MORE TRAIN AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY POLISH AUTHORITIES HERE.

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ACTION: CRX (Pr) (5)

INFO: Transport Div (2)
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ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (D.E.)

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Incoming CONFIDENTIAL CIPHER Message

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TO : PROOFERS

IYB 16989

TO : BERCOMB

DFO MAY 1520454

INFO: CONCOMB

TOR 170740B

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Zelio 120

COLE/C/253. 15 MAY 46.

REFERENCE YOUR DCCC 7537 (IYB/59809/18) CIPHER OF 1 MAY AND
DCCC 7829 (IYB/59809/18) OF 11 MAY REGARDING EXULSION OF GERMANS
FROM POLAND TO BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY..

See For True file

1. YOU WILL SEE FROM FOREIGN OFFICE INSTRUCTIONS TO WARSAW REPEATED
TO BERLIN AS FOREIGN OFFICE NUMBER 662 OF 7 MAY THAT FORMAL PROTEST
TO POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DROPPED FOR THE TIME BEING BUT THAT
INFORMAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE AND THEY WILL BE URGED TO TAKE
ALL PRACTICABLE STEPS TO ENSURE BEST POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT AND TRANSFER
ARRANGEMENTS. THEY ARE ALSO BEING URGED THAT WERE MEN ARE BEING KEPT
BACK THEIR FAMILIES SHALL BE PROVISIONALLY ALLOWED TO STAY.
2. PLEASE REPORT IN DUE COURSE WHETHER PROPORTION OF FIT MEN RISES AS
PROMISED BY POLISH REPRESENTATIVE AT PW AND DF DIRECTORATE MEETING AND
ALSO ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENT OF IMPORTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MOVEMENT.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: IW & DF Div

INFO : M/Deputy Military Governor - retention Berlin
M/Political Adviser (2)
M/DCOS (Policy)
Deputy President GOVSC
Chief Secretary
Secretariat (4)
Political Div (3)
I.A. & C. Div
M. & MC. (3)

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Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany
(B.E.),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

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C.R.X.
(Combined Repatriation Executive)
120 Allied Control Authority Building

CRX/5.715/878

16th May, 1946.

SUBJECT: Operation Sea Eagle

See file 809/19. /this

TO : PW & DP Division, Advanced Headquarters, Control
Commission for Germany (BE), Berlin, B.A.O.R.

See file 824/1
/this.

Reference your letter FWDP/59809/18 dated 13th May 46,
para.2.

Your attention is drawn to cable CCG/76683(PWDPX2) dated
8th May, 1946, from Concomb, info Bercomb.

This cable mentions that sea movement will now continue
subject to following restrictions:

- (a) Ships will, whenever possible, be loaded to capacity.
- (b) No ship will be despatched without at least a 60%
load of repatriates.....

This has been explained to Polish Repatriation Mission
Berlin without prejudice to the request for a permanent pass
for Swallow Team Stettin.

F. L. Carroll
F. L. CARROLL,
Lt. Col. C.R.X.

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing RESTRICTED Message

IMMEDIATE

OYB 8188

DTO MAY 111210B

FROM: DERCOMB

TO : TROOPERS

INFO: CONCOMB

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EGCC 7829 PWDE/59809/18. 11 MAY 46. FOR CCLB.

REFERENCE CCLB/G/253 OF 19TH APRIL.

SUBJECT IS EXPULSION OF GERMANS FROM POLAND TO BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY.

IN CONTINUATION OF EGCC 753 OF 1ST MAY FOLLOWING INF. IS NOW AVAILABLE.

1. YOUR PARA 4. COMPLETE FIGURES REQUIRED BY YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE BUT PERCENTAGES OF FITNESS FOR 179,017 OUT OF 370,313 EXPELLEES IS MEN 55 FIT, 45 UNFIT, WOMEN 63 FIT, 37 UNFIT, CHILDREN 94 FIT, 6 UNFIT. STANDARDS OF JUDGEMENT FOR TERM "FITNESS" ARE MEN UNDER 50 WHO CAN DO ANY KIND OF WORK MEN OVER 50 WHO CAN DO LIGHT WORK. WOMEN UNDER 45 WHO CAN DO ANY KIND OF WOMEN'S WORK OVER 45 WHO CAN DO LIGHTER WOMEN'S WORK. CHILDREN ARE ALL REGARDED AS FIT UNLESS SUFFERING FROM ANY SERIOUS DISEASE OTHER THAN USUAL CHILDREN'S

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing RESTRICTED Message

IMMEDIATE

OYB 8138

DTG MAY 111210B

FROM: DERCOMB

TO : TROOPERS

INFO: CONCOMB

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2. AMONGST THE SAME 179,017 EXPELLEES THERE WERE 50 DEATHS ON THE TRAINS OR VERY SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL.

3. FIGURES FOR BIRTHS ARE NOT AVAILABLE BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT AT LEAST TEN BIRTHS TOOK PLACE ON THE TRAINS.

4. YOUR PARA. 5. REPORT FROM LT. COL GROWSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THIS OFFICER GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO A PRESS REPRESENTATIVE. THE PRESS REPORT IS A PERVERSION OF THE STATEMENT ACTUALLY MADE BY COLONEL GROWSE AND HAS ALSO OMITTED ALL THE POINTS OF CRITICISM AND COMPLAINT AGAINST THE POLES MADE AT THE SAME TIME.

5. YOUR PARA. 5. BRITISH MISSION STETTIN STATE NO SUCH INTERVIEW AS

/REPORTED

REPORTED WAS GIVEN. THE ARTICLE IS A REHASH AND MISREPRESENTATION OF STATEMENTS MADE AT VARIOUS TIMES. THE WORDS "DOWNRIGHT LIE" WERE NEVER USED.

6. YOUR PARA. 4. LAST SUB PARA. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE THAT REPATRIATION FROM BRESLAW WAS EVER STOPPED. THE FLOW OF EXPELLEES INTO THE BRITISH ZONE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS.

7. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING SENT DIRECT TO H.M.A. WARSAW. PLEASE INFORM FOREIGN OFFICE.

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message

IYB 16435

DTO - M.Y. 101720B

TOR 102230B

FROM CONCOMB

TO EERCOMB

CCG 75282 (PWDP) 10 M.Y. 46.

SUBJECT: CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF
EXPELLEES FROM POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000.
REF EGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PAR. 3. TOTAL FOR PERIOD 14 APRIL -
4 M.Y. 9391.

2. GRAND TOTAL TO 4 M.Y. 46 - 149,367

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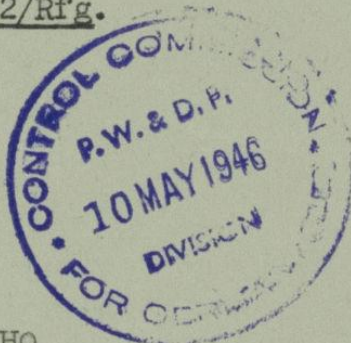
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Ref: PWDP/57062/Rfg.

HQ PW & DP Division,
Main HQ Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.



8 May 46.

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To: Advanced HQ,
PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Operation "SWALLOW"

The question of the evacuation of the inmates of various institutions is about due for discussion.

The attached correspondence is forwarded for consideration as it has a direct bearing on this matter.

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R.M. JERRAM, Colonel,
for Chief PW & DP Division.

RMJ/MH.

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HQ PW & DP Division,
Main HQ Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

8 May 46.

To: I.A. & C. Division,
Secretariat Section,
Main HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Operation SWALLOW

Reference your INTR/6022/5/HQ dated 30 April and letter fr
German Varitas Verband of 17 April 46.

- 2: 666
1. Para.1 of ~~attached letter~~. Trains for Swallow are provide by the Polish authorities. No stock from British Zone can or will be provided except of course for dispersal within the Zone.
 2. Paras. 2, 3 and 4. Ample provision for the transport of baggage is provided and encouragement is given by us to bring anything which can be of service. The conditions under which evacuation has hitherto been enforced by the Polish authorities (short notice; lack of local transport etc.) has, however, result in many cases in refugees arriving devoid of even the barest necessities.
 3. Para.5. The movement arrangements within Poland are entire a matter for the Polish authorities.
 4. Para.7. Arrangements in reception areas are a matter for the German authorities under the direction of Housing Branch of Manpower Division. The responsibility of this Division ceases on completion of dispersal.
 5. This correspondence has been forwarded to our Adv.HQ in Berlin for discussion with the Polish Authorities.

R. M. Jerram
R.M. JERRAM, Colonel,
for Chief PW & DP Division.

Copy to: Adv. HQ with copies of
relative correspondence.

RMJ/MH. Exec 2.

Ext. 2458

INTR/6022/5/HQ.

HQ I.A. & C. Division,
Secretariat Section,
Main HQ, C.C. for G. (BE),
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

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30 Apr 46.

To: PW & DP Division,
Main HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE), ,
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Charitable Establishments
from Eastern Territory.

1. Reference the attached correspondence received from Dr. Wuettker of the German Caritas Verband regarding the evacuation of sick and infirm persons from Western Poland.
2. Whilst it is fully appreciated that owing to the large numbers of persons involved in operation Swallow, provision of additional comforts for small sections presents a great difficulty, it is strongly felt by this Division that something should be done for these people.
3. It is therefore requested that we should be advised as to what steps are being taken in the matter, so that we may reply to Dr. WUETTKE.

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(Sgd.) ? ? ?
Brigadier,
Acting/Chief, I.A. & C. Division.

German Varitas Verband,
Hauptvertretung
Berlin.

93
Berlin Charlottenburg 9
Bayernallee 28.

Written at Bunde, 17 April 1946.

To: Colonel Sedgwick,
Religious Affairs Branch,
Control Commission Germany.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Establishments for Orphans, Aged, Infirm and Sick from Polish administered Eastern Territory, Particularly Silesia.

In the first phase of the scheme for evacuation and resettlement into the British Zone which was put into effect at the end of February, of this year a number of persons in need of care, sick, infirm, and orphans, were not evacuated. In arranging transport and accommodation of these people, may the following points be considered.

1. Trains so far available for this evacuation scheme have comprised only goods trucks. Special trains are therefore necessary to transport the personnel of these establishments. If hospital coaches are not available it is suggested that passenger coaches be used in which at least there are seats and a number of stretchers could be placed.
2. Since it has generally been found that in reception areas the accommodation provided is very bare, it is absolutely urgent to transport the most necessary articles of equipment, i.e. linen, bedding, bedsteads and mattresses etc....
3. For the transport of these items there must be a sufficient number of goods trucks attached to each train.
4. At least two trains are required, each with about 20 passenger coaches and 12 goods trucks, which would have to travel in each direction several times as did the other evacuation trains.
5. Breslau and Glatz would come first in priority as departure stations, though it would be desirable for the trains to continue as far as Mittelwalde, Bad Kudowa and Bad Landek.
6. So far as can be ascertained, there are still some 4,000 aged, infirm, chronically sick and mentally defective inmates of the Caritas homes in Lower Silesia, as well as about 1,800 orphan children. In addition there must also be considered the personnel of the Evangelical Institutions as well as the large number of people needing care and assistance who had to be left behind in the previous evacuation.
7. Conversations with directors of the Caritas in reception areas, namely the diocese of Hildesheim, Munster, Osnabruck and Paderborn, show that present accommodation in these areas is totally insufficient for such vast numbers. It is suggested that such suitable buildings as former N.S.V. homes, large R.A.D. camps Luftwaffe training schools, etc., might be taken over for this purpose.
8. Finally, it is requested that the trains will be assured.

The inhabitants of the areas concerned have greatly welcomed the setting up of the British Commission in Kohlfurt. They would also be most grateful for consideration of the foregoing requests and suggestions.

(Signed) Dr. Wuettker.
(Konsistentialrat)

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

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FROM: 508 MIL GOV DET
TO : BERCOMB
INFO: CONCOMB PWDP DIV



IYB 16332

DTO MAY 09 -----

TOR 092340B

M6/B/1827 UNDATED.

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REF MY 1813 OF 060955 AND YOUR BGCC 7617 (PWDP 59809/18).

FURTHER REPORT FROM STETTIN AS FOLLOWS:

COPY AND TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE HAS NOW BEEN SEEN. CAPT THOMSON STATES HE GAVE NO SUCH INTERVIEW. THE STATEMENT GIVEN IN ARTICLE ARE A REHASH AND MISREPRESENTATION OF STATEMENTS TO PUR REPS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS. THE WORDS "DOWNRIGHT LIE" WERE NEVER USED.

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Expellees from Poland - SWALLOW

1. The standard on which Expellees are judged is as follows:-

(a) Fit Men

(i) Under 50 years can do any kind of work.

(ii) Over 50 Years can do lighter work.

(b) Fit Women

(i) Under 45 years can do any kind of woman's work.

(ii) Over 45 years can do lighter work.

(c) Fit Children

All children are to be regarded as fit unless suffering from any serious disease, other than the usual children's ailments.

2. The undermentioned figures are arrived at from the examination of 179,017 of the 370,313 Expellees received into this Zone.

	Men		Women		Children		Dead	Total
	Fit for work	Unfit for work	Fit for work	Unfit for work	Fit	Unfit		
Totals	20,946	17,029	54,436	31,728	51,436	3,512	50	179,017
<u>MEN</u>								
% Fit	55.2							
% Unfit		44.8						
<u>WOMEN</u>								
% Fit			63.2					
% Unfit				36.8				
<u>CHILDREN</u>								
% Fit					93.8			
% Unfit						6.2		

% of fit all classes received 70.7

% of unfit all classes received 29.3

3. Fresh figures of the above nature are received from Regions once a fortnight.

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE
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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Incoming SECRET CIPHER Message

IMMEDIATE

UNPARAPHRASED

IYB 16061

DTG - MAY 060955A

FROM 508(R) MIL GOV DET

TOR 071230B

TO BERCOMB

INFO CONCOMB

see 92

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M 6/1813.

REFERENCE YOUR BGCC 7617 (PWDP 59809/18) OF 031706B.

C O BRIT LIAISON TEAM STETTIN STATES BY TPM

1. CAPTAIN THOMSON DENIES HAVING MADE (ANY) (?) STATEMENT.
2. NO ANNOUNCEMENTS TO PRESS HAVE OR WILL BE MADE.
3. FULL REPORT FOLLOWS ON S/SISAR LEAVING STETTIN 6 MAY

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ACTION : PW & DP Div ✓

INFO : M & M.C. (3)

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MESSAGE & MILITARY CENTRE
ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMPORTANT

IYB 16032

DTG - MAY 061445

TOR 070320B

FROM 508 (R) DET MIL GOV

TO CONCOMB
BERCOMB

INFO STEINREG

See 82

MG/L/1815.

CONCOMB FOR PWDP. STEINREG FOR REFUGEES.

REF OUR MG/R/1809.

FOLLOWING SIGNAL RECEIVED FROM BRITISH LIAISON TEAM STETTIN:

"CAN YOU GIVE ANY FORECAST OF SHIPPING AT ALL WITHOUT WHICH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REGULATE FLOW. NEW SYSTEM OF RUNNING SHIPS CAN BE HANDLED UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- (A) WIRELESS NOTICE OF DEPARTURE FROM LUECK INVARIABLY GIVEN
- (B) DELAY IN TURN ROUND AT STETTIN NOT OBJECTED TO".

FOLLOWING REPLY SENT TO STETTIN 06/1430:

"WIRELESS WARNING OF DEPARTURE OF SHIPS FROM LUECK IS SENT TO YOU IN EVERY CASE AND WILL CONTINUE. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FORECAST SAILINGS AS IT DEPENDS ON NUMBER OF DP'S AVAILABLE. THE MATTER IS BEING EXAMINED HOWEVER TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU. WHAT IS NEED OF DELAY IN TURNROUND AT STETTIN. IS THERE ANY FACTOR THAT DID NOT EXIST PREVIOUSLY"

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Signal at Flag 'B'
approved by DCS (Pl)
and ~~after~~ despatched
by Duty Officer
p.m. 4 May.

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

To: Deputy Chief of Staff (Pol)

From: PW & DP Division

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Poland

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R.N. Thicknesse

PWDP/59809/18
3rd May, 1946

R.N. THICKNESSE,
Colonel.
Deputy Chief, PW & DP Division.

*No comments
4 May 46*

*John
Lowe
Secretary*

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

PW & DP DIVISION

File Ref: PWDP/59809/18

May, 1946.

To: Deputy Chief of Staff (Pol)

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Poland

I DISCUSSION

1. At Flag "A" is a PQ asking for information, on the results to date, of operation 'Swallow' with figures for men, women and children, and proportion of fit.

2. Only the Polish Government can give figures for those Germans who are still present in parts of Germany and the Danzig area now administered by them.

Figures asked for have been received from Main HQ and a statement as to the general conditions under which the operation is now taking place has recently been sent to Control Council. It is proposed to reply in the same vein.

II ACTION RECOMMENDED

That the draft telegram at Flag "B" be despatched in reply.

III CONCURRENCES

Political Division *PS* Date & Time *1530 hrs 3.5.46*

SEEN BY SECRETARIAT

DATE 4th May 1946

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Signed at Flag B
Approved - Glyn Jones
Wesley

Raepe Thicknesse
R.N. THICKNESSE,
Colonel,
D/Chief, PW & DP Division.

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JEGA V CCBE 58 ''OP''OP'' QVR1

FROM TROOPERS 011845A

TO BERCOMB

INFO CONCOMB

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PEEQU 31 1 MAY 46 RESTRICTED

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MAJOR TUFTON
BEAMISH, UNIONIST MP FOR LEWES, FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY.

BEGINS. TO ASK THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER APPROXIMATELY
HOW MANY GERMANS ARE AT PRESENT IN THOSE PARTS OF GERMANY AND THE DANZIG
AREA NOW ADMINISTERED BY THE POLISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT: HOW MANY
MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SHOWN SEPARATELY, HAVE SO FAR ARRIVED IN THE
BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY FROM THESE AREAS: WHT PROPORTION OF THESE MEN
AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN PASSED AS MEDICALLY FIT FOR NORMAL WORK: AND
WHETHER HE IS SATISFIED THAT THESE EXPULSIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT ENDS.

2. PLEASE SUPPLY MATERIAL TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION BY 1800 HOURS
6th MAY.

BT 011845A

A.F.G. B

R.....01,2233 HRH KK

ARMY FORM 'C 2136 (Large)

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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QUEST OF IS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY MAJOR TUDOR BRADSH UNCLE-T
UP FOR LINES.

REPORTER FROM 31 1 MAY.

ONE PERIODS FOR NUMBERS OF GERMAN MINISTERS STILL REMAINING IN DAY IS AREA
AND THOSE PARTS OF GERMANY NOW A MINISTERS BY POLAND CAN ONLY BE
OBTAINED FROM POLISH GOVERNMENT AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE HERE.

TWO TOTAL NUMBERS RECEIVED UP TO 20 APRIL 370,315. OF THESE APPROXIMATELY
22% ARE MEN 50% ARE WOMEN AND 28% ARE CHILDREN.

THREE ⁵⁵/₅ OF THE MEN AND ⁶³/₅ OF THE WOMEN ARE FIT FOR NORMAL WORK.

FOUR INITIALLY QUESTIONED WERE DAD BUT THEY HAVE IMPROVED SINCE REPRESENTATIONS
WERE MADE TO THE POLISH MILITARY HONOR.

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
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If liable to be intercepted or to fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent IN CIPHER.

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Signed.

Colonel.

Signed.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

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Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMPORTANT

IYB 15914

FROM: 508 (R) MIL GOV DET

DTG MAY 040930A

TO : BERCOMB: CONCOMB

TOR 042200B

INFO: STEINREG

See 88

MG/R/1809.

CONCOMB FOR PWDP. STEINREG FOR REFUGEES.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT TO BRITISH LIAISON TEAM STETTIN
040915A.

1. FOLLOWING A VISIT HERE BY BRIG KENSINGTON CHIEF OF PWDP, THE
FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE GIVEN.

(A) NO SHIP WILL LEAVE LUECK EMPTY IT WILL AT LEAST BE 2/3RDS FULL
WITH POLISH REPATRIATED DP'S.

(B) AN AVERAGE OF ONE TRAIN DAILY ONLY, WILL LEAVE STETTIN UNDER
OPERATION SWALLOW. YOU WILL THEREFORE WISH TO REGULATE THE INFLOW INTO
TRANSIT CAMPS AT STETTIN AS DESEATCH OF EXPELLEES WILL NATURALLY LESSEN.

2. BERCOMB ARE CALLING FOR OUR URGENT REPLY TO REQUEST FOR REPORT ON
ALLEGED STATEMENTS MADE TO POLISH NEWSPAPERS CURIER SZO ZECINSKI BY A
BRITISH OFFICER AT STETTIN. PLEASE FORWARD FORTHWITH

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ACTION: PW & DP Div

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Outgoing RESTRICTED Message

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OYB 7992

DTO - MAY 041515B

FROM BERCOMB
TO TROOPERS
INFO CONCOMB

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QUPEE 32.

FOR CCLB.

SUBJECT IS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY MAJOR TUFTON BELMISH,
UNIONIST MP FOR LEWES.

REFERENCE PEEQU 31 1 MAY.

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

OYB 7957

DTO MAY 031706B

FROM : BERCOMB

TO : 508 (R) MIL GOV DET
FOR SWALLOW TEAM STETTIN

INFO : PWDP HQ MIL GOV. SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN
CONCOMB

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BGCC 7617 (PWDP/59809/18)

REPLY REQUIRED URGENTLY TO BGCC 7217 OF 17 APRIL AND

BGCC 7282 OF 20 APRIL.

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HQ PW & DP Division,
Main HQ.,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BUNDE,
B.A.O.R.

Ref: PWDP/57062/Rfg

4 April, 1946.



To : Adv HQ.,
PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

1. Ref telecon Lt.Col. VAUGHAN-HUGHES/Major JONES on 4 May 46.
2. Herewith copies of TPM from Mil Gov Westfalen Region ref PWDP/Rfg/2007/4 2 May 46 and our reply ref CCG (PWDP) 4 May 46.
3. VOLKMARSEN is the exchange point on the American side opposite WARBURG.
4. May we please be informed of the result of your negotiations with CRX.

M. Jones
for Chief,
PW & DP Division.

Copy to Exec.2.

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Mil Gov Westfalen Region.
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Message Instructions

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CCG 75280 (PWDP R) 4 May (.) Unclassified (.) Subject is SHALLOW on WASP trains (.)
 Reference your PWDP/RFG/2007/4 2 May 46 (.) This HQ concurs with your decision
 NOT to accept these expellees (.) Action will be taken in BERLIN by us (.)

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Incoming Unclassified Message

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FROM: MIL GOV WESTFALIAN REGION

IX 61997
DTG 021810
TOR 030050B

TO: COMCOMB

INFO: 61 DPACH

PRDP/EPG/2007/4. 2 MAY 46.

61 DPACH REPORT 817 SWALLOW EXPLOSIVES NOW IN VOLKMARSEN AWAITING
ENTRY TO BRITISH ZONE. THESE EXPLOSIVES SAID TO HAVE BEEN SENT
INTO AMERICAN ZONE VIA ALVERSDORF.
HAVE DECLINED ACCEPTANCE.

DTG 021810

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

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To: Deputy Chief of Staff (Pol)

From: PW & DP Division

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Poland

PWDP/59809/18
3rd May, 1946

R.N. THICKNESSE,
Colonel.
Deputy Chief, PW & DP Division.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

PW & DP DIVISION

File Ref: PWDP/59809/18

May, 1946.

To: Deputy Chief of Staff (Pol)

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Poland

I DISCUSSION

1. At Flag "A" is a PQ asking for information on the results to date of operation 'Swallow' with figures for men, women and children, and proportion of fit.

2. Only the Polish Government can give figures for those Germans who are still present in parts of Germany and the Danzig area now administered by them.

Figures asked for have been received from Main HQ and a statement as to the general conditions under which the operation is now taking place has recently been sent to Control Council. It is proposed to reply in the same vein.

II ACTION RECOMMENDED

That the draft telegram at Flag "B" be despatched in reply.

III CONCURRENCES

Political Division Date & Time 1530 3/5/46

R.N.
R.N. THICKNESSE,
Colonel,
D/Chief, PW & DP Division.

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JEGA V CGBE 58 'OP' 'OP' QVRL
FROM TROOPERS 011845A
TO BERCOMB
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PREQU 31 1 MAY 46 RESTRICTED

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MAJOR TUFTON
BEAMISH, UNIONIST MP FOR LEWES, FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY.
BEGINS. TO ASK THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER APPROXIMATELY
HOW MANY GERMANS ARE AT PRESENT IN THOSE PARTS OF GERMANY AND THE DANZIG
AREA NOW ADMINISTERED BY THE POLISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT: HOW MANY
MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SHOWN SEPARATELY, HAVE SO FAR ARRIVED IN THE
BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY FROM THESE AREAS: WHAT PROPORTION OF THESE MEN
AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN PASSED AS MEDICALLY FIT FOR NORMAL WORK: AND
WHETHER HE IS SATISFIED THAT THESE EXPULSIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT ENDS.

2. PLEASE SUPPLY MATERIAL TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION BY 1800 HOURS
6th MAY.

See 7 & 11.

BT 011845A

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FROM BERCOMB
TO TROOPERS
INFO CONCOMB

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SUBJECT IS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY MAJOR TUFTON BEAMISH
UNIONIST MP FOR LEWES. REFERENCE PEEQU 31 1 MAY.

ONE FIGURES FOR NUMBERS OF GERMAN MINORITIES STILL REMAINING IN
DANZIG AREA AND THOSE PARTS OF GERMANY NOW ADMINISTERED BY
POLAND CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM POLISH GOVT AND ARE NOT
AVAILABLE HERE.

TWO TOTAL NUMBERS RECEIVED UP TO 20 APRIL 370,315. OF THESE
APPROXIMATELY 22 PER CENT ARE MEN 50 PER CENT ARE WOMEN AND
28 PER CENT ARE CHILDREN.

THREE 75 PER CENT OF THE MEN AND 78 PER CENT OF THE WOMEN ARE FIT
FOR NORMAL WORK.

FOUR INITIALLY CONDITIONS WERE BAD BUT THEY HAVE IMPROVED SINCE
REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO THE POLISH MILITARY MISSION.



MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing SECRET Message

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OYB 7876

FROM : BERCOMB

DTO MAY 011500B

TO : TROOPERS

INFO : CONCOMB

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BGCC 753(FWDP/59809/18)

REF CCLB/G/253 OF 19 APR CCLB/G/253 OF 29 APR AND FURTHER TO
BGCC 7389 OF 25 APR PARA 2.

SUBJECT IS EXPULSION OF GERMANS FROM POLAND TO BRITISH
ZONE.

1. QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED AT DIRECTORATE MEETING 29 APR WITH POLISH
REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT.
2. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT POLES ARE NOW TRYING TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS
OF THE AGREEMENT FROM THE HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW AS FAR AS THE
PRESENT DISORGANISED STATE OF POLAND ALLOWS.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED THAT NO REPRESENTATION TO THE POLISH
GOVERNMENT BE MADE ON THESE GROUNDS.

3. AS REGARDS LOW PROPORTION OF FIT MALES THE POLISH REPRESENTATIVE
ADMITTED MANY HAD TEMPORARILY BEEN RETAINED IN POLAND IN AGRICULTURE
AND OTHER INDISPENSIBLE INDUSTRIES.

HE SAID THEY WOULD START RELEASING THESE SHORTLY AND THE
PERCENTAGE OF FIT WOULD RISE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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4. IT IS CONSIDERED THIS EXPLANATION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR THE PRESENT AND THAT IN THE HOPE THAT FUTURE RETURNS SHOW THE IMPROVEMENT PROMISED THIS QUESTION SHOULD ALSO BE DROPPED FOR THE MOMENT.

5. POL. DIV. CONCUR IN THE ABOVE.

PLEASE INFORM P.O. AND IF AGREED H.M. AMBASSADOR WARSAW.

Distribution

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IYB 15640

DTO MAY 011130B

TOR 012200B

IMPORTANT

FROM : 508 (R) MIL GOV DET

TO : BERCOMB

INFO : STEINREG

MG/R/1602.

STEINREG FOR REFUGEES.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SWALLOW TEAM STETTIN 011100.

1. OWING TO FOG CONDITIONS PASSAGE OF SHIPS STETTIN - LUBECK IS BEING DELAYED. "POSEIDON" TOOK FIVE DAYS.

BERCOMB HAS BEEN ASKED TO ARRANGE WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF FOOD CARRIED ON SHIPS.

2. "ISAR" EX LUBECK 020900. WILL CARRY NAAFI SUPPLIES MAIL CAR AND DRIVER.

3. YOUR BOX 71.

ORPHANS WILL NOT BE DESPATCHED TO BRITISH ZONE.

YOU WILL KEEP TO AGREEMENT REGARDING RE ABLE BODIED PERSONS.

4. URGENT AUTHORITY IS BEING FOUGHT FOR PETROL Issue.

Distribution

ACTION : CRX (BR) (5)

INFO : Transport Div (2)
PW & DP Div
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Poles will increase amount of food IF they can get it

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

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To: D.C.O.S. (Pol)

From: PW & DP Division

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Silesia

PWDP/59809/18
26th April, 1946

A. G. Kenchington

A.G. KENCHINGTON,
Brigadier,
Chief PW & DP Division.

*PW & DP Div.
Telegram at Flag 'B'
approved and despatched
1125 hrs. today as "most immediate"
admission
found.*

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

PW & DP DIVISION

File Ref: PWDP/59809/18

26th April, 1946

To: Deputy Chief of Staff (Pol)

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Silesia

I DISCUSSION

1. At Flag "A" is a PQ dealing with the alleged inhumane expulsion of approximately 500 Germans from Silesia by the Warsaw Government.

2. No report of this specific instance has been received although there have been numerous individual complaints of alleged inhumane expulsion from this area. These complaints have been the subject of general representations to the Polish Military Mission and have been discussed in the PW and DP Directorate.

II ACTION RECOMMENDED

That the draft telegram at Flag "B" be despatched in reply.

III CONCURRENCES

Political Division *L. M. P. in* Date & Time *26.4.46*
PW & DP Division, Main HQ *By phone* Date & Time *26.4.46*

Signal at Flag B. approved. mark "Not Immured."
Chief of Staff
Major G. L.
DCOS (P).

A. G. Kenchington
A. G. KENCHINGTON,
Brigadier,
Chief, PW & DP Division.

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FROM TROOPERS
TO BERCOMB
INFO CONCOMB

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PEEQU 29 25XXX 24 APRIL 46 RESTRICTED

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MR STOKES LABOUR MP
FOR IPSWICH FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 1 MAY.

BEGINS TO ASK THE CHANCELLOR WHETHER HE IS AWARE THAT IN THE FIRST DAYS
OF APRIL APPROXIMATELY 500 GERMANS WERE EXPELLED FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMES
IN THE SILESIAN VILLAGE OF KUNSENDORF MANY OF THEM AT 12 HOURS NOTICE AND
WHETHER IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS CLEARLY NOT THE HUMANE AND ORDERLY
MANNER OF EXPULSION ENVISAGED IN THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT HE WILL INSTRUCT THE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPRESENTATIONS TO THE WARSAW
GOVERNMENT THAT THIS FORM OF EXPULSION MUST CEASE AND THAT IN FUTURE EXPELLED
PERSONS MUST BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE AND ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE
TRANSPORT OF THE PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. ENDS.

- (2) PLEASE REPORT WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT AND
WHETHER ANY REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THIS OR SIMILAR INCIDENTS
EITHER TO POLISH REPRESENTATIVES DIRECT OR IN PW AND DP DIRECTORATE.
- (3) PLEASE REPLY IF POSSIBLE BY 12 NOON SATURDAY APRIL 27.

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (D.E.)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IYB 15541

DTG APR 301610B

TOR 302215B

IMPORTANT

FROM: 508 (R) MIL GOV DET

TO: BERCCMB

MG/R/1800.

STETTIN REPORT 50 ORPHANS HELD IN HOSPITAL AND ASK PERMISSION TO
DESPATCH BY SEA.

CONSIDERED THEY SHOULD REMAIN THERE. HAVE YOU ANY VIEWS.

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ACTION: CRX (Br) (5)

INFO: Transport Div (2)
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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message

IMMEDIATE

FROM: TROOTERS
TO: BERCOMB
INFO: CONCOMB

IYB 15643
DTG MAY 011845A
TOR 012250B

FEEQU 31. 1 MAY 46.

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MAJOR TUFTON
BEAMISH, UNIONIST MP FOR LEWES, FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY.

TO ASK THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER, APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY
GERMANS ARE AT PRESENT IN THOSE PARTS OF GERMANY AND THE DANZIG AREA NOW
ADMINISTERED BY THE POLISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT: HOW MANY MEN WOMEN AND
CHILDREN, SHOWN SEPARATELY, HAVE SO FAR ARRIVED IN THE BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY
FROM THESE AREAS: WHAT PROPORTION OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN PASSED AS
MEDICALLY FIT FOR NORMAL WORK: AND WHETHER HE IS SATISFIED THAT THESE
EXPULSIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATTER AND SPIRIT OF
THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT."

2. PLEASE SUPPLY MATERIAL TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION BY 1800 HOURS 6TH MAY.

DISTRIBUTION

NOTE: Reply to be sent from Concomb

ACTION: IW & DF Div ✓

INFO: MA/Deputy Military Governor
- retention Berlin
PA/Political Adviser (2)
PA/DCOS (Policy)
Deputy President GOVSC
Chief Secretary
Secretariat (6)
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PW & DP Division,
Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany
Berlin, B.A.O.R.

Tel : 86-5437.
Ref : PWDP/59809/18.

1st May, 1946.

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To: Political Division

You may care to see Lt.Col. Growse's own account of his
interview in KALAWSK.

The incident is closed, I think, but it is a pity that
it should have happened.

RWT/JA

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PW & DP Division,
Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany
Berlin, B.A.O.R.

Tel : 86-5437.
Ref : PWDP/59809/18.

1st May, 1946.

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To: Political Division

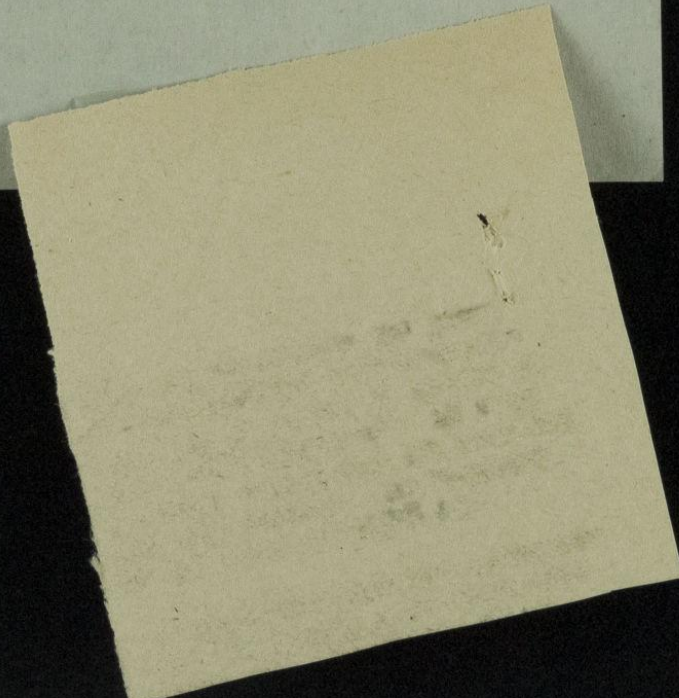
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R.N. THICKNESSE,
Col.
Deputy Chief, PW & DP Division.

RNT/JA



Tel: 86-5431
Ref: PWDP/59809/18

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PW & DP Division,
Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
Berlin, B.A.C.R.

30th April, 1946.

To: D.C.O.S. (Policy)

Report of Interviews re "Swallow" with Polish Authorities

1. At the request of Col. Bibrowski, Repatriation member of the Polish Military Mission, I gave him an interview in my office on the 26th April and had Lt.Col. Carroll of C.R.X. in attendance. Subjects discussed were:-

- (a) The Poles' wish to accelerate the rate of flow of "Swallow".
- (b) The conditions of humane movement and the discussion on this subject in the PW & DP Directorate due to come up on the 29th with Colonel Bibrowski attending.
- (c) The question of Polish Missions in the British Zone, especially certain reports I had heard concerning members of the Warsaw Mission.

2. Rate of flow of "Swallow"

Colonel Bibrowski asked that the rate of flow will be stepped up to a total approaching 10,000 a day as was foreseen in the original plan involving 1,000 a day by sea, two trains per day Stettin to Lubeck instead of one and four trains from Kalawak to Helmstedt instead of two. It was explained to him that 1,000 a day by sea was possible as far as we could foresee but with those arriving at Lubeck it was technically impossible for us to increase the trains to Lubeck at present. As soon as he could clear the hold-up on the move of relief personnel to Kalawak across the Russian Zone to make up the British detachment there to strength, we were prepared to accept three trains a day at Helmstedt subject to the Zone notifying ability to disperse. These trains could be of 1750 each. He explained that he wished to run four trains because he wished to use two of them to clear Polish immigrants from the Soviet Zone on their return journey. We agreed that if he could do this (which we doubted) from such a small station as Kalawak, we could deal at Helmstedt with a total of 4,000 a day but that so long as the Soviet Zone continued, as at present, to send over 3,000 refugees a day into our Zone, we could not increase the total number of "Swallows" at present beyond 8,000 a day, being all we could disperse. It was pointed out to him that, as a large proportion of these people are not working people, distributing them in the Zone presented a difficult problem.

He accepted the arrangements proposed and offered to get clearance and take one of our officers across to Kalawak with a message about accelerating the flow so soon as the British team could be made up. He asked why we continued accepting this influx of refugees from the Soviet Zone under the head-for-head order and was told this would be discussed with the Russians.

He was shown a message just received from the Zone reporting the arrival of the complete contents of a hospital, sick people. He admitted that this was against the agreement that sick people should not be sent yet and offered to see that the responsible officials were punished. He said he felt that all the British team at the far end had to do was to refuse to put them on the train. He knows there is inadequate hospital accommodation for these people to be put into a local hospital but maintained the teams should have refused to entrain them.

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3. Discussion re Directorate Investigation of Inhumane Movement

Col. Bubrowski stated that in his opinion the allegations of non-observance of the rules for humane movement were without foundation and had been most unfortunately exploited in the Press. He asked if I was prepared to report to the Directorate that the report should be withdrawn and that it was unnecessary for him to attend. I told him that we considered it abundantly proved that in the first weeks of the move conditions had been very unsatisfactory as reported. I told him, however, that I had already reported to the Directorate that the joint efforts of the Polish authorities and the British teams at the points of despatch had resulted in considerable improvement and that I was prepared to say to the Directorate that we would now consider the conditions of movement as satisfactory, as present conditions in Poland allowed, in all respects except the very low proportion of German men of an age fit to work. He said he would be prepared to produce statements including some from the British representatives with the teams to rebut the complaints but I showed him some of our reports verified by myself and General Templar and he agreed that the best course would be not to hark back to past complaints but to follow the course I suggested. He admitted during the conversation that it was necessary to retain a proportion of the single working men in the former German area of Poland to provide for transport, food and administrative needs of the population until all were transferred.

4. He asked if we would be willing to move back to Poland displaced persons at the rate of 4,000 a day, calculating, (I thought somewhat naively,) that this should clear our DP Poles in approximately two months. He said that his Government was ready to receive them at this rate but that at some time after two months might decide to say that repatriation was finished and deprive the remainder of Polish nationality.

I stated that we were fully able and willing to repatriate 4,000 a day if these Polish DPs could be persuaded to accept repatriation. He said, as before, that the large number of "London" Polish Liaison Officers in our Zone was the chief obstacle to repatriation. I told him that the Zone was starting a programme of liquidating this organisation by stages within approximately two months. He said this was a step taken much too late in his view and thought it should be done in two weeks instead of two months.

I then asked him if he had heard from the newly appointed Chief of the Warsaw Polish Liaison Mission in the Zone (an Officer reported to me as a very suitable choice) of certain ugly rumours about some of the Warsaw Liaison Officers. He said that he had heard such reports and asked me what I had heard. I said I had merely unconfirmed reports that some of them were alleged to have engaged in the drug traffic and others in currency smuggling. He said he had heard similar reports and that if these allegations proved true the culprits would be very severely punished. I asked him to use all his endeavours to get appointed in their place, if the accusations were proved, some really good Liaison Officers who would persuade the DPs to go home. He promised to do his best.

5. After the above discussion I asked Bibrowski whether the transfer of Germans ex Poland into the Soviet Zone was carried on under the agreement regulated as for our Zone and told him that the Directorate had agreed that C.R.X. should furnish certified figures of the numbers transferred. He became evasive and said that between them and their "good friends" the Soviet authorities it was not necessary to have such written regulations. They had made verbal agreements and people from certain provinces were moved by the Polish authorities by various means to five frontier crossing points from where the Soviet authorities took responsibility. He admitted that exact control of numbers and categories was not possible there and volunteered the opinion that we had not to worry about this. All we had to do was to accept the $1\frac{1}{2}$ millions prescribed under/

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under what he called the "solemn agreement signed by four great powers" and to believe that they would clear the whole of their German minority, sending the remainder into the Soviet Zone. He spoke at great length on this. I told him I felt bound to say that I should be surprised if his Government, like the others concerned, did not take care to check and record the numbers moved under the agreement and that I felt in the interests of good relations between all concerned, they would be well advised to prepare evidence on figures moved into the Soviet Zone as well as into ours. He said this would make him most unpopular in Warsaw and would make a lot of administrative difficulties. He said they would be prepared to do it if the Soviet authorities so demanded. I told him that the Directorate had agreed that certified figures should be produced and again advised him that it appeared to me well worth while to get proper control established to ensure that all parties carried out the agreement in mutual confidence.

6. Col. Bibrowski attended the Directorate discussion on 29th April, acted on the lines we had discussed and said he was sure that in the near future we should find the proportion of men of an age able to work would increase in those moved into the British Zone. The Soviet Member said he had heard reports that the proportion of men of an age fit to work amongst those moved into the Soviet Zone was only about 10 per cent. He supported the Polish representative's statement of reasons, particularly that most of the able-bodied men in Poland had fled elsewhere as the fronts moved, first east and then west, through Poland. Both said that they consider the population of this former eastern province of Germany did not now contain much more than 10 per cent of men of an age fit to work.

A.C.KENCHINGTON,
Brigadier.
Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy to: Political Division
: Deputy (Exec), PW & DP Main Hq.

AGH/JA

(58)

Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany (BE)
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

30 April 46

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C.R.X.
(Combined Repatriation Executive)
120 Allied Control Authority Building
BERLIN

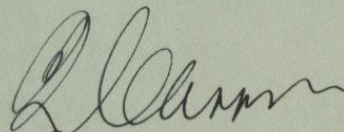
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To: Advanced HQ,
PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

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SUBJECT: Interview given to the press by
Lt.Col. Growse at KALAWSK.

We are enclosing herewith report in duplicate submitted by Col.
Growse which has been addressed in error to Lt.Col. Carroll.



F.L. CARROLL, Lt.Col.
Combined Repatriation Executive.

Chief I think we must regard this
incident as closed and also
the press activities at STETTIN
by Thorsen. Curse all
Journalists of all nationalities.

FLC/OWT

MS. ask us to start on
I think we should
might want to peruse
Growse's apology.

OK

5. Propriety of Interview.

I am fully aware that it is not customary in the Service for Officers to give interviews to the Press without reference to higher authority. In this case I had to act on my own initiative and decided to give the interview.

Besides the fact that refusal would have seemed churlish and would not have been understood, I felt that in the unusual situation of this Liaison Mission the circumstances altered the case, and I think that anybody in my position would have ^{done} the same.

Nor could I foresee that the fair statements which I gave would be twisted into a series of encumbrances on the whole process.

If my action, and the distorted report which followed it, have caused concern to higher authority I much regret it.

6. I am taking no steps to correct the newspaper article, but am trying to obtain a copy.

7. Your orders to grant no more interviews are noted.

Kalawak.
/TGR.

John
Lt. Col.
Commanding British Liaison Team, Kalawak.

MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message

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IMPORTANT

FROM: CONCOMB
TO : BERCOMB

IYB 15508

DTG APR 301215B

TOR 301505B

see 165
Vol I

CCG 75278 (PWDP R) 30 APRIL.

SUBJECT CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM POLAND TO
COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000.

REF BGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

OWING TO BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS NO FIGURES AVAILABLE FOR WEEK
ENDING 20 APRIL 46. WILL BE FORWARDED EARLIEST PWDP/57062/RFG.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: CRX (Br) (5)

INFO : Transport Div (2)
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IYB 15531

IMMEDIATE

DTG APR 291620A

TOR 301930B

FROM: TROOPERS

TO: DERCOMB

INFO: CONCOMB

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CCLB/G/253. 29 APRIL 46.

YOUR BGCC/7389 25 APRIL ABOUT EXPULSION OF GERMANS FROM POLAND TO
BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY.

GRATEFUL FOR FURTHER REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PWDP DIRECTOR
MEETING WITH POLISH MILITARY MISSION.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: PW & DP Div →

INFO: Secretariat (4)
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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
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Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

FROM: BERCOMB

OYB 7785

TO : 508 (R) MIL GOV DET FOR LT. COL.
BEDDINGTON, SWALLOW TLM STETTIN

DTO APR 291025B

INFO: 312 (P) DET
CONCOMB

BGCC 7456

COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO 819

CHIEF PW/DP DIVISION AUTHORIZES VISIT TO LUBECK OF POLISH
REPATRIATION REPRESENTATIVE TO OBSERVE RECEPTION OF EXPELLEES.

REQUEST YOU DESPATCH HIM BY SEA AND ADVISE ALL CONCERNED

OF EIA

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

FROM: BERCOMB

OYB 7783

TO : CCNCOMB

DTG APR 291020

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BGCC NO 7454

COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NO 818.

YOUR CGG 76519 (PWDPX2) OF 13 APRIL.

1. POLISH AUTHORITIES FULLY AGREE WITH THE SUGGESTION AND WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TEAMS THROUGH THEIR RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE AT FRANKFURT - COL. MLTUSZCZAK.

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)
Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

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IMPORTANT:

FROM: 508 (R) MIL GOV DET

TO: BERCOMB

INFO: STEINREG (REFUGEES AND HQ)

IYB 15413
DTC APR 281350B
TOR 282110B

MG/R/1795. 28TH APRIL 46.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE DESPATCHED TODAY TO BRITISH LIAISON TEAM

STETTIN.

1. 5 PERSONS LEAVING MEDICAL CENTRE STETTIN BY SWALLOW TRAIN WITHOUT AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED, AND WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU BY NEXT TRAIN EX LUBECK.

2. S/S "SPREE" EX LUBECK 281010. ON BOARD 656 FAMILIES, AND 24 SINGLE MEN, TOTAL 680.

3. FOR HQ STEINREG. CONCOMB ARE ARRANGING PRIVILEGE LEAVE IN MAY FOR 1442178 L/CPL D CRANN. WILL NOTIFY DESPATCH OF RELIEF AND DETAILS WHEN RECEIVED.

4. YOUR B 2466 RE INTERPRETERS. SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN REGION, HQ NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND SEPARATE SIGNAL IS BEING DESPATCHED TO THEM FOR URGENT ACTION.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: CRX (Br) (5)

INFO: Transport Div (2)
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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing RESTRICTED Message

OYB 7753

DTO APR 271125B

MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM : BERCOMB
TO : TROOPERS
INFO : CONCOMB

See also
7137

See H4

QUEEE 28 (PWDP/59809/18) 27 APRIL 46.

FOR CCLB.

SUBJECT IS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MR STOKES MP FOR IPSWICH
FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY.

REF FEEQ429 (CCLB/G/128) 24 APR 46.

1. NO REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT MENTIONED.
2. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS OF SHORT NOTICE OF EXPULSION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THESE HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF GENERAL REPRESENTATIONS TO THE POLISH MILITARY MISSION AND IN PW AND DP DIRECTORATE REGARDING THE CARRYING OUT OF THE AGREEMENT.
3. IN GENERAL CONDITIONS OF MOVEMENT HAVE IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF THESE REPRESENTATIONS.

Distribution

ORIGINATORS NO: PW & DP Div

INFO : MA/Dep Mil Gov
retention Berlin
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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCE HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B. E.)

Outgoing SECRET Message

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: BERCOMB
TO: TROOPERS
INFO: CONCOMB

OYB 7711
DTG APR 251800B

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EGCC 7389 (EWDF/59809/18) 25TH APRIL 46.

REF CCLB/G/253 OF 19 APRIL.

SUBJECT IS EXPULSION OF GERMANS FROM POLAND TO BRITISH
ZONE OF GERMANY.

1. AS A RESULT OF REPRESENTATIONS TO THE POLISH MILITARY MISSION
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH GERMAN EXPELLEES FROM POLAND ARE BEING MOVED HAVE
IMPROVED AND IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE
POLISH GOVERNMENT ON THESE GROUNDS.
2. PERCENTAGE OF ABLE-BODIED MEN AMONGST GERMAN EXPELLEES IS
STILL SMALL. THIS QUESTION IS BEING DISCUSSED AT DIRECTORATE MEETING ON
29TH APRIL WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM POLISH MILITARY MISSION PRESENT.
3. REPORTS FROM REPATRIATION TEAMS STETTIN AND KATOWSK ON
SUBJECT OF ALLEGED STATEMENTS TO POLISH PRESS HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR. ANSWERS
CANNOT BE RECEIVED FOR SOME DAYS OWING TO SLOWNESS OF AVAILABLE METHOD OF
COMMUNICATIONS.
4. INFORMATION REQUESTED BY H.M.A. WARSAW IN PARA 2 OF HIS
TELEGRAM NO. 674 IS BEING COLLECTED AND WILL BE FORWARDED EARLIEST.
5. REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS TO POLISH GOVT UNTIL
AFTER RESULT OF DIRECTORATE MEETING OF 29 APRIL IS KNOWN.

DISTRIBUTION:

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Political Div
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MESSAGE AND MAIL CHAIRMAN
ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message

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See also
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IMMEDIATE

FROM: TROOPERS

IYB 15103
DTG APR 241515A
TOR 241745B

TO: BERCOMB

INFO: CONCOMB

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EMERG 29.

CCLB/G/128. 24 APR 46.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MR STOKES LABOUR MP
FOR IPSWICH FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 2 MAY.

"TO ASK THE CHANCELLOR WHETHER HE IS AWARE THAT IN THE FIRST DAYS OF APRIL
APPROXIMATELY 500 GERMANS WERE EXPELLED FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMES IN THE
SILESIAN VILLAGE OF KUNSENDORF MANY OF THEM AT 12 HOURS' NOTICE AND WHETHER IN
VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS CLEARLY NOT THE HUMANE AND ORDERLY MANNER OF
EXPULSION ENVISAGED IN THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT HE WILL INSTRUCT THE ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPRESENTATIONS TO THE WARSAW
GOVERNMENT THAT THIS FORM OF EXPULSION MUST CEASE AND THAT IN FUTURE EXPELLED
PERSONS MUST BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE AND ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE
TRANSPORT OF THEIR PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS."

2. PLEASE REPORT WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT AND WHETHER
ANY REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THIS OR SIMILAR INCIDENTS EITHER TO
POLISH REPRESENTATIVES DIRECT OR IN PW AND DP DIRECTORATE.
3. PLEASE REPLY IF POSSIBLE BY 12 NOON SATURDAY APRIL 27.

DISTRIBUTION

NOTE: Reply to be sent
from Bercomb

ACTION: PW & DP Div ✓

INFO: MA/Deputy Military Governor
- retention Berlin
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PA DOCS (Policy)
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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message

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FROM BUNDE
TO BERCOMB
INFO RDR DIV, INTELL GP HQ, SECRETARIAT,
INTELL BUREAU, POL DIV

IYB 15032

DTO - APR 231450B

TOR 231935B

See 165 Vol I

CCG 75274 (PWDP R) 23 APRIL.

SUBJECT - CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF
EXPELLEES FROM POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000.

REF BGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

1. YOUR PARA 3: TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 13 APR 46,
3862.
2. GRAND TOTAL TO 13 APRIL 16, 139,976

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : CRX (Br)(5)

INFO : Secretariat (4)
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British Liaison Mission,

KALAWSK.

22 Apr 1946

His Excellency the Governor of Lower SILESIA.

WROCLAW.

Sir

I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's notice the fact that the inmates of the "INTERNAT KURFURST FRANZ LUDWIG", WROCLAW, DOMSTR. 4, and numbering 62 people were evacuated to the British Zone on train No 106 which left Wroclaw on 18 April.

These people were classified as follows:-

Feeble-minded	21
Alcoholics	5
Old and senile	3
Epileptics and Schizophreniacs	6
Miscellaneous	4

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The remaining 23 people were all aged and incapable of looking after themselves.

All 62 people will require admission to Hospitals etc.
on reaching the British Zone.

This procedure is directly contrary to the terms of Paragraph 11 (eleven) of the Berlin agreement, and I feel bound to protest against it.

No is this the first instance of such a breach of the agreement, the inmates of the MATTERN Home for old people, NEULOMNITZ, Kreis HABELSCHWERDT numbering about 30 old people

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aged from 70 to 84 years, having been evacuated some weeks ago.

In this connection, Your Excellency may like to know that two German Nuns, independent of each other, have reported to me that the condition of orphanages is becoming desperate.

They cited the cases of those at HERMSDORF and TREBNITZ, both of which they state are now left without any official means of support.

The main process of evacuation continues smoothly, though various problems still arise, and I hope shortly to receive permission to accept 3 trains a day.

With best wishes to Your Excellency

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(Sgd)

Lieut. Colonel.

Copy to: Lt.Col. F.L. Carroll O.B.E.

C.R.X. BERLIN.

Brig. R.E.B. Anderson D.S.O. M.C.

HQ Mil Gov Hannover Region

STAFF MEMORANDUM

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To: D.C.O.S. (Pol)

From: PW & DP Division

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Silesia

PWDP/59809/18
26th April, 1946

A.G. KENCHINGTON,
Brigadier,
Chief PW & DP Division.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

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ADVANCED HEAD-QUARTERS

PW & DP DIVISION

File Ref: FWP/59809/18

26th April, 1946

To: Deputy Chief of Staff (Pol)

Subject: Expulsion of Germans from Silesia

I DISCUSSION

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1. At Flag "A" is a PQ dealing with the alleged inhumane expulsion of approximately 500 Germans from Silesia by the Warsaw Government.

2. No report of this specific instance has been received although there have been numerous individual complaints of alleged inhumane expulsion from this area. These complaints have been the subject of general representations to the Polish Military Mission and have been discussed in the PW and DP Directorate.

II ACTION RECOMMENDED

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That the draft telegram at Flag "B" be despatched in reply.

III CONCURRENCES

Political Division Date & Time

PW & DP Division, Main HQ Date & Time

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A.C. KENCHINGTON,
Brigadier,
Chief, PW & DP Division.

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FROM TROOPERS
TO BERCUMB
INFO CONCOMB

COLB/G/128

PREQU 29 25XXX 24 APRIL 46 RESTRICTED

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MR STOKES LABOUR MP
FOR IPSWICH FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 1 MAY.

BEGINS TO ASK THE CHANCELLOR WHETHER HE IS AWARE THAT IN THE FIRST DAYS
OF APRIL APPROXIMATELY 500 GERMANS WERE EXPELLED FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMES
IN THE SILESIA VILLAGE OF KUNZENDORF MANY OF THEM AT 12 HOURS NOTICE AND
WHETHER IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS CLEARLY NOT THE HUMANE AND ORDERLY
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PERSONS MUST BE GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE AND ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE
TRANSPORT OF THE PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. ENDS.

(2) PLEASE REPORT WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT AND
WHETHER ANY REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THIS OR SIMILAR INCIDENTS
EITHER TO POLISH REPRESENTATIVES DIRECT OR IN PW AND DP DIRECTORATE.

(3) PLEASE REPLY IF POSSIBLE BY 12 NOON SATURDAY APRIL 27.

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FROM BERCOMB
TO TROOPERS
INFO CONCOMB

REFERENCE CCLE/C/128 OF 24 APR.

SUBJECT IS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MR STOKES MP FOR IPSWICH
FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY 1 MAY.

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Originator

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Office Date Stamp

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BSCOMB

25 APR 1800.B

For Action.

TROOPERS

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

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CONCOMB

Originator's No.

BSCC (PMDP/59809/18) SECRET. REF COLE/C/253 of 19 APRIL.

SUBJECT IS EXPULSION OF GERMANS FROM POLAND TO BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY.

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TWO. PERCENTAGE OF ABLE-BODIED MEN AMONGST GERMAN EXPELLEES IS STILL SMALL. THIS QUESTION IS BEING DISCUSSED AT DIRECTORATE MEETING ON 29TH APRIL WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM POLISH MILITARY MISSION PRESENT.

THREE. REPORTS FROM REPATRIATION TEAMS STETTIN AND KALANSK ON SUBJECT OF ALLEGED STATEMENTS TO POLISH PRESS HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR. ANSWERS CANNOT BE RECEIVED FOR SOME DAYS DUE TO SLOWNESS OF AVAILABLE METHOD OF COMMUNICATIONS.

FOUR. INFORMATION REQUESTED BY H.M.A. WARSAW IN PARA. 2 OF HIS TELEGRAM NO. 674 IS BEING COLLECTED AND WILL BE FORWARDED EARLIEST.

FIVE. REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS TO POLISH GOVT UNTIL AFTER RESULT OF DIRECTORATE MEETING OF 29 APRIL IS KNOWN.

See to file
Folio 585

discussed by SO, Rd with 8003
and sent by his order.
shown to Rd Div (young) and passed
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26/4/46.

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
except

WIRELESS.

Signed.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed.

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FROM TROOPERS 241515

TO BERCOMB

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY MR
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(3) PLEASE REPLY IF POSSIBLE BY 12 NOON SATURDAY APRIL 27

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q.(BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing SECRET Message

OYB 7639

DTG APR 231745B

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB

BGCC 7316 (FWDE/59809/18). 23RD APRIL 46.

FURTHER TO BGCC (FWDE/59809/18) OF 22 APRIL AND REF CCLE/G/253 OF 19 APRIL PARA 2 AND 3.

1. PLEASE DRAFT REPLY AND DISCUSS WITH CHIEF. ANSWER MUST BE CLEARED WITH POL DIV HERE.

2. REF PARA 5 OF CCLE/G/253. THIS BEING DEALT WITH HERE.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)
Outgoing SECRET Message

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DTG APR 171015B

IMMEDIATE

FROM: BERCCMB

TO: CONCCMB

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BGCC 7198.

FROM CRX NUMBER 775.

REFERENCE YOUR CCG 76519 (INDEX2) OF 13 APRIL 1946.

1. CONSIDER IDEA EXCELLENT AND WILL CERTAINLY BRING IT INTO OPERATION AS SOON AS THE BACKLOADING OF POLISH REPATRIATES IN SWALLOW TRAINS HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED.

MEANTIME, IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO RAISE THE QUESTION.

IN ACTUAL FACT, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED US THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF BACKLOADING THE TRAINS BY HIS HIGHER COMMAND.

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN PERSUADED NOT TO STOP THE OPERATION UNTIL COMMANDER KONARSKI RETURNS FROM WARSAW.

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IMMEDIATE

OYD 7507
DTG APR 171020D

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB

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DECC 7196

FROM CRX NO 777.

REFERENCE YOUR CCG/76525 (PWDPK2) DATED 15 APRIL 1946.

1. FINANCE DIVISION RULED THAT, AS FAR AS THEY WERE CONCERNED, IT WOULD BE IN ORDER FOR EXPELLEES TO BRING WITH THEM TO THE BRITISH ZONE A MAXIMUM OF 1,000 MARKS PER HEAD. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT POLISH AUTHORITIES ARE OBLIGED TO ENSURE THAT EACH EXPELLEE HAS 1,000 MARKS.

THEREFORE, AGREEMENT IS NOT AFFECTED. POLISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED ACCORDINGLY.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Outgoing RESTRICTED Message

OYB 7601

DTG APR 201245

IMMEDIATE

FROM : BERCOMB

TO : 508 (R) MIL GOV DET FOR SWALLOW TEAM STETTIN

INFO : FWDP HQ MIL GOV SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN
CONCOMB

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BGOC 7282 FWDP/59809/18

1. THE POLISH NEWSPAPER KURIER SZCZECMSKI OF 23 MAR REPORTS CAPTAIN THOMSON AS HAVING MADE STATEMENTS REGARDING THE CONDITIONS OF GERMANS TRANSPORTED FROM POLAND UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY. HE IS QUOTED AS HAVING DESCRIBED REPORTS IN BRITISH NEWSPAPERS WHICH REFERRED TO THE BAD CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY ARRIVED IN GERMANY AS "A DOWNRIGHT LIE".

2. REPORT BY IMMEDIATE RETURN WHETHER CAPTAIN THOMSON MADE THIS OR SIMILAR STATEMENT OR ANY STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

Outgoing CONFIDENTIAL Message

IMPORTANT

FROM: BERCOMB

OYB 7579

TO: CONCOMB FOR CHIEF, PW & DP DIV

DTG APR 18 045B

DGOC 7264. 18TH APRIL 46.

FROM COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NUMBER 793.

FOLLOWING POINTS RAISED BY O.C. SWALLOW TEAM, STETTIN:-

1. POLES HAVE ASKED PERMISSION TO SEND POLISH REPATRIATION REPRESENTATIVE TO LUBECK TO OBSERVE RECEPTION OF REFUGEES. HAVE DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY WHO SEES NO OBJECTION, PARTICULARLY AS POLES ARE PREPARED TO AUTHORISE VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM BRITISH ZONE TO STETTIN. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS.
2. REDDINGTON IS VERY CONCERNED OVER CONGESTION IN STETTIN, BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE FACT THAT SHIPS ARE NOT ARRIVING REGULARLY TO LIFT 1,000 PER DAY, AS PER AGREEMENT. IF IT IS FELT THAT THE LIFT OF 1,000 PER DAY FROM STETTIN CANNOT BE MAINTAINED, FEEL WE SHOULD ADVISE REDDINGTON ACCORDINGLY, GIVING HIM AN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBERS THAT CAN BE LIFTED EASTBOUND PER WEEK IN ORDER THAT HE CAN REGULATE THE FLOW INTO STETTIN FROM THE INTERIOR. REDDINGTON FEELS THAT A CRISIS WILL SHORTLY ARISE IN STETTIN OWING TO INCREASING BACKLOG.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (C.E.)

Outgoing RESTRICTED Message

FROM: IERCOMB OYB 7615
TO : 709 (R) DET MIL GOV: 30 CORTS DTD APR 221530B
INFO: CONCOMB

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EGCC 7294 TWDE/59809/18 22 APRIL 46.

1. FOLLOWING FOR LT. COL GROWSE KALAWSK:- URGENT.

"WARSAW REPORTS INTERVIEW GIVEN BY YOU TO APAP CORRESPONDENT
KALAWSK FOLLOWED BY ARTICLES IN POLISH PRESS YOU ARE REPORTED TO HAVE
SAID MOVEMENT OF EXPELLEES COULD NOT BE BETTER ORGANIZED.

THAT HEALTH OF EXPELLEES IS EXCELLENT AND CONDITIONS OF MOVEMENT
HUMANE.

THAT EXPELLEES LEAVE POLAND CONTENTED.

2. REPORT EARLIEST IF ABOVE STATEMENT FROM WARSAW IS CORRECT.

INTERVIEWS TO THE PRESS MUST NOT BE GIVEN BY YOU."

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE
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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (C.C.G.)

Outgoing UNCLASSIFIED Message

FROM: TERCOMB

OYB 7614

TO : CONCOMB

DTG APR 221530B

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EGCC 7293 PDE/59809/18. 22ND APRIL 46.

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REF OCL/G/253 OF 18 APR 46 PARA 4.

INFORMATION REQUIRED IS AS FOLLOWS:-

PERCENTAGE OF SICKNESS AMONGST EXCELLEES AND EXACT NO OF DEATHS
AND BIRTHS, WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE TRAINS.

PLEASE SEND NECESSARY FIGURES TO HIS H.Q. EARLIEST.

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Political Div (3)

CRX (Dr). (5)

M. & MC. (3)

GRC/CM

Placed Major Buddock ext. 2770
25 April 23. per J. per.
Having figures 26 April. per.

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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE

ADVANCED H.Q. (BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Incoming SECRET Message

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IYB 14952

DTG APR 190310A

TOR 201245B

IMMEDIATE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO: BERCOMB

INFO: CONCOMB

CCLB/G/253. 19 APR 46.

1. SUBJECT IS EXPULSION OF GERMANS FROM POLAND TO BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY. PLEASE SEE FOREIGN OFFICE TELEGRAMS TO WARSAW NO 736 10 APRIL AND REPLIES NO 674 AND 675 13 APRIL AND 679 16 APRIL AND REPEATED TO BERLIN AS FO NOS 532, 549 UNNUMBERED AND 561.

2. YOUR *BGCC 6903 COUPLED WITH THE IMPRESSIONS GAINED BY HM AMBASSADOR TO POLAND AT STETTIN AND ALLEGED STATEMENTS OF REPATRIATION TEAMS AT KALAWSK AND STETTIN SUGGEST THAT POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF PROTESTS IN BERLIN, POLES MAY NOW BE DOING THEIR BEST TO COMPLY WITH THEIR UNDERTAKINGS; AND THAT POOR CONDITIONS OF EXPELLEES, ABSENCE OF ABLE BODIED MEN AMONG THEM, AND INADEQUACY OF TRAIN GUARDS ARE RESULT OF CONDITIONS OVER WHICH POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS LITTLE CONTROL.

3. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR URGENT COMMENTS ON WHETHER THIS INTERPRETATION IS JUSTIFIED AND WHETHER IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS STILL DESIRABLE FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE TO POLISH GOVERNMENT.

4. IN ANY CASE WOULD ASK YOU TO GIVE DIRECT TO HMA WARSAW DETAILED PARTICULARS REQUESTED IN PARA 2 OF HIS TELEGRAM NO 674 AND IN SUPPORT OF ANY OTHER POINTS YOU WISH TAKEN UP.

ALSO PLEASE SUPPLY US AND HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE TO SHOW THAT POLES ARE DELIBERATELY HOLDING BACK SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ABLE BODIED WORKERS.

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IN THIS CONNECTION RADIO WARSAW BROADCAST ON 27 MARCH STATED "AS MANY GERMANS ARE STILL EMPLOYED IN BRESLAU, THE REPATRIATION FROM THIS CENTRE WAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ON MARCH 18". HAS MOVEMENT FROM THIS AREA BEEN RESUMED.

5. FINALLY PLEASE SAY WHETHER STATEMENT BY LT COL WFA GROWSE AT KALAWSK AND LETTER FROM BRITISH MISSION AT STETTIN BOTH MENTIONED IN POLISH PRESS ARTICLE QUOTED IN TELEGRAM 675 FROM WARSAW ARE CORRECTLY REPORTED.

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ACTION: FW & DP Div ✓

INFO: MA/Deputy Military Governor - retention Berlin
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RA/DCOS (Policy)
Chief Secretary
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OYB 7529

DTG APR 171630B

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BGCC 7217. FWDP/59809/18.

HE IS QUOTED AS HAVING DESCRIBED REPORTS IN BRITISH NEWSPAPERS WHICH
REFERRED TO THE BAD CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY ARRIVED IN GERMANY AS
"A DOWNRIGHT LIE".

2. REPORT WHETHER CAPTAIN THOMSON MADE THIS OR SIMILAR STATEMENT.

IF HE DID YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN HOW HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN A POSITION TO EXPRESS AN OPINION OF EVENTS TAKING PLACE SOME HUNDREDS OF MILES FROM HIS STATION.

3. YOU SHOULD AVOID MAKING ANY ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS IN THE FUTURE.

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Political Div (3) —
CRX (Br) (3)
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Berlin, April 16th, 1946

Brigadier A.G.KENCHINGTON, C.B.E., M.C.
Directorate P.W. and D.P.
B e r l i n

My dear Brigadier,

1. On the subject of the conditions governing German repatriation from Poland to the British Occupation Zone, which is being dealt with by the Directorate of Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons, I should like to hand you some information, witnessing the irreproachable behaviour of the Polish authorities.

2. I always felt the personal attendance of the representative of Polish Military Mission at the Directorate meeting to be a question of participation on rights equal to other members of the Directorate. It is however no more actual in view of Brig. Michelsen's letter to me of the 15th April a.c. As the equality of rights of Polish Military Mission still remains unsettled, I am hardly able to make the report mentioned in par.2 of the above letter.

3. I nevertheless consider, that every opportunity for the making up of information available to the purpose of a proper and exhaustive examination of the matter is of benefit, and this is my motive in submitting to you (as well as to all your colleagues in the Directorate), as a personal information, of the material above referred to in par.1, which may be useful to you while deliberating upon the subject. Please do not annex this material to the Directorate's files direct.

4. If I may make a suggestion as to the further dealing with the matter, I should consider it best to refer it for being settled between yourself and Colonel Bibrowski, Chief of Polish Repatriation Division at the Military Mission, removing it from the Directorate's agenda, which would be desirable on general grounds.

Yours very truly

Dr. J. Prawin

Dr. J. PRAWIN, Col.
Chief of Polish Military Mission

No *CRX*

Enclosure

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Herewith copy of signal received from 508/R/Mil Gov Det on 28 Mar 46.

MG/R/I664. Following message received from Combined Repatriation Executive Berlin and will be passed by you to Polish Authorities immediately. Representations have been made to Polish Authorities that terms of agreement are not being fulfilled in following respects. /a/ Expellees complain of insufficient food for journey and trains arriving without one days reserve rations. /b/ Little notice given prior to expulsion in consequence expellees arrive British Zone with few belongings and without bedding and cooking utensils. Pregnant women near parturition are being sent and children born on journey. /d/ Sick people are being expelled and many have to be hospitalized on arrival. There have been deaths during journey and on arrival British Zone. /e/ Majority of expellees being sent to British Zone are very old and unfit to work and in poor health. Similar message is being despatched Swallow Team Kalawsk. You will inform Polish Authorities Stettin that you are authorized repeat authorized to ensure that Berlin agreement is fulfilled.

Herewith copy of reply sent to 508 /R/ Mil Gov Det ,by The British Liaison Team Stettin, on 28 Mar 46.

Your MG /R/I664 refers Request you pass the the following message to Combined Repatriation Executive Berlin. ONE. I have personally seen that two days rations have been issued to Germans on trains to Bad Segeburg and one day reserve ration in the custody of the Polish Guard. TWO. Germans proceeding from Stettin have been given at least two days notice and have in fact brought more than they can carry by using trolleys and barrows. THREE. Lubeck has confirmed that no babies have born on any train leaving Stettin. FOUR. Situation with regard to sick has been fully explained in CON/2 dated 7 March from M.O. British Liaison Team to CRX and S.M.O. 8 Corps with which I agree. FIVE. Polish Officials have pointed out that no repeat no P.W's have returned to their families in NEW POLAND and cannot be traced. They have also stated that no P.W. labour is being used by Polish Authorities . SIX. Message will be passed to them as requested but I would like to state that cooperation with them in these respects has been good.

Certified correct. R.F.S. Thompson .Capt.

Translation from Polish

Extract from an article in the daily "Kurier Szczecinski"
No.64 of 23rd March 1946

" THEY RETURN WHENCE THEY ONCE CAME "

Column 4 - " What Chief^{of} British Mission (Cpt R.T.S.Thomson) says".

After the train left, I got talking with the Chief of the British Mission. Asked for his opinion as to the working of the repatriation action, he said :

" I must express my full appreciation of the efficient work of the Polish Repatriation Administration (P.U.R.) organs. All officials at the collecting point, as well as militia and military convoys are during the conveyance fully up to their task, and the attitude towards German repatriates is highly humane. On the way to the collecting point and to trains, they voluntarily help children and old people.

It should be noted, that in the course of repatriation we have up to date had only one case of stealing belongings. The one guilty was caught together with the things and put into custody.

The main difficulty is the irregular railway transport, but for this the Polish authorities cannot be responsible."

" Do you know, that reports have recently appeared in the German and even English press, of German repatriates from our section arriving to the British Zone exhausted from hunger and with no rations of food ? "

" I have no notion of that. If there are any such reports, they are a downright lie. The rations Germans receive at the collecting points and for the journey are quite sufficient and they moreover take big quantities of their own foodstuffs with them. I am even of the opinion, that it would be proper to take away from the repatriates excessive stocks of foodstuffs which they are unable to carry themselves. These foodstuffs should be given over to the common mess-kitchen."

Tel: 2766

Ref: PWDP/57062/Rfg.

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HQ PW & DP Division,
Main HQ Control Commission for
Germany (BE),
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

15 Apr 46.

To: Advanced HQ,
PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Operation "SWALLOW"

Reference your PWDP/59809/18 dated 13 Apr 46.

1. Col. Todd is away on duty in Denmark so he is unable to deal personally with your above-quoted letter.
2. The following instructions have been sent to both Schleswig-Holstein and Hannover Regions in order to standardize the fortnightly "Fit and Unfit Swallow return" as under -

(a) Fit Men

- (I) Under 50 years can do any kind of work. ✓
- (II) Over 50 years can do lighter work. ✓

(b) Fit Women

- (I) Under 45 years can do any kind of woman's work.
- (II) Over 45 years can do lighter work.

(c) Fit Children

All children are to be regarded as fit unless suffering from any serious disease, other than the children's ailments.

3. D.P. Policy are dealing with

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HQ PW & DP Division,
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3. D.P. Policy are dealing with the query regarding Sea Eagle.

A.K. Jones
A.K. JONES, Major,
for Chief PW & DP Division.

AKJ/MH.

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Tel: 86-5190
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File
PW & DP Division,
Advanced Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
Berlin, B.A.O.R.

15th April, 1946. 11

To: PW & DP Division,
Main Headquarters,
Bunde

Subject: Movement of German Expellees from Poland

Attached are copies of a letter received from C.R.X. and
a report from Lt.Col.Beddington.

The Chief would like to know what you feel about sending
a representative to visit Stettin.

GBVH

G.B.VAUGHAN-HUGHES,
Lt.Col.
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (C.E.)

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IYD 14551

FROM: CONCOM

DTG APR 151540B

TO : HERCOMB IWDG FOR CRX

TOR 151945B

CCG/76525 (IWDGX2). 15 APR.

YOUR DGCC 7044 CRX 749 OF 112000A.

AS THIS CONTRARY TO ORIGINAL AGREEMENT REQUEST YOU CONFIRM
HAS BEEN AGREED ON QUADRIPARTITE BASIS

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ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (EE)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

IMMEDIATE

IYB 14365

DTG - APR 121140A

FROM PORT COMDR LUBECK

TOR 121730A

TO BERCOMB

INFO 508 MIL GOV DET
SWALLOW TEAM STETTIN
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SS TONW GERMAN PORTS

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SUBJECT OPERATION SWALLOW.

REF YOUR EGCC 7012 DATED 10 APRIL 46. SHIPS F.H.

"FISSER" AND "UNDINE" ARE NOT IN SERVICE ON OPERATION
SWALLOW

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ACTION : CRX (Br)(5)

INFO : Transport Div (2)
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FROM: CONCOMB

TO: BERCOMB

IYB 14350

DTG APR 121135A

TOR 121100

CCG 75271 (FWILP R) 12 APR 46.

FOR FWDP FOR CRX.

PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY TO OUR CCG75250 OF 20 MAR.

NOTE BY MESSAGE CENTRE

✕ NO TRACE.

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ACTION: PW & DP Div

INFO: CRX(Br) (5)
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ADVANCED H.Q.(BERLIN)

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

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DTG APR 131210A

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: CONCOMB

TC: BERCOMB
PWDP FOR CRX

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CCG 76519 (PWDPX2). 13 APR 46.

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM 30 CORPS.

"OF EAGLE. REQUEST CRX BE ASKED TO ARRANGE WITH WARSAW FOR SWALLOW TRAINS TO CONTAIN POLISH RED CROSS TO ATTEND TO POLISH FWX/DFS IN JOURNEY TO POLAND. RED CROSS TEAMS WOULD TRAVEL WITH EXPELLEES FROM POLAND AND COULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN CARING FOR CHILDREN AND AGED PEOPLE. FROM EXPERIENCE SOMETHING OF THIS NATURE IS ESSENTIAL."

WE ARE PREPARED TO BACK THIS SUGGESTION FULLY. REQUEST YOU PRESS FOR ITS ADOPTION.

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ACTION: CRX (Br) (5)

INFO: FW & DP Div
M.& M.C. (3)

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PHONE NO: 86/5341.

REF: PWDP/59809/18.

Advanced H.Q., P.W. & D.P. Division,
Control Commission for Germany (B.E.),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

13th April, 1946.

TO: Col. Todd,
Main H.Q., P.W. & D.P. Division,
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

Col. FRAWIN of the Polish Mission here, spent some time with me this afternoon, discussing the conditions of SWALLOW.

He showed me copies of Instructions issued by their Minister of Repatriation, after receipt of our complaints. These orders threaten stern measures against personnel found robbing expellees and lay down conditions about hospital carriages, and giving proper warning for movement and safe-guarding of the rations issued.

Col. FRAWIN promises to make further representations about the low proportion of fit working men being sent. In this connection I note that the proportion reported from LUNEBURG is noticeably higher than from HANNOVER.

I wonder if the standard applied by us is the same at both places. Would you take this up.

Col. FRAWIN made two requests with reference to SEA EAGLE:-

- (1) Members of the Polish Armed Forces sent as individuals and not as formed bodies, are being sent with their weapons. He says that if they go as individuals, they should not have these.
- (2) He says the high proportion of the ex-WEHRMACHT and ex POLISH ARMED FORCES now being sent prove to be VOLKSDEUTSCHE. He prefers, of course, to have racial Poles. I don't see that we can alter this.

I presume that they will send some of them back on Swallow. It seems unnecessary, but I think is the only fair way to account for the minority we expect.

Sgd AGK

CHIEF, P.W. & D.P. DIVISION.

Copy to Pol Div *TH*

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ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE)

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Incoming RESTRICTED Message

IYB 14351

DTG - APR 121145A

FROM CONCOMB

TOR 121400A

TO BERCOMB

INFO RDR DIVISION
INTELLIGENCE GROUP HQ
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CCG 75 70 (PWDP R) 12 APR 46.

SUBJECT CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM
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ND TOTAL TO 6 APRIL 46

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ADVANCED HQ (BERLIN)
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INFO RDR DIVISION
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CCG 75 70 (PWDF R) 12 APR 46.

SUBJECT CONTROL TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLEES FROM
POLAND TO COMMITMENT OF 1,500,000.

REF BGCC 6327 OF 16 MAR 46.

YOUR PARA 3. TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDING 6 APRIL 1798.

AND TOTAL TO 6 APRIL 46: 136,114

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TO 508 (R) MIL GOV DETACHMENT, FOR "SWALLOW" TEAM,
STETTIN

INFO 312 (P) MIL GOV DETACHMENT CONCOMB

EGCC 7073

FROM CRX NUMBER 754.

FURTHER TO OUR EGCC 7012 (CRX 745) OF 10TH APRIL 46.
TRANSIT FACILITIES AND DISPERSAL ARRANGEMENTS AT LUBECK ARE
STRAINED TO THE UTMOST. IMPERATIVE THAT SEA MOVEMENT OF
EXPELLEES FROM STETTIN IS LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 7,000 A WEEK

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TO: 508(R) MIL GOV DET FOR SWALLOW TEAM STETIN

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BGCC 7044

FROM COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE NUMBER 749.

REFERENCE BGCC 6969 (CRX/740) OF 9 APR 46.

1. TO CONFORM WITH ARRANGEMENTS IN FORCE IN US ZONE FINANCE DIVISION
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BE) ARE NOW AGREEABLE TO EXPELLEES
BRINGING WITH THEM TO THE BRITISH ZONE A MAXIMUM OF 1000 MARKS PER HEAD.
MARKS MAY BE REICHMARKS OR ALLIED MARKS.

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